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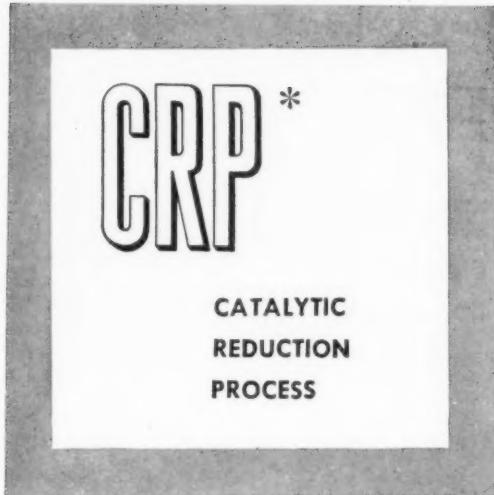
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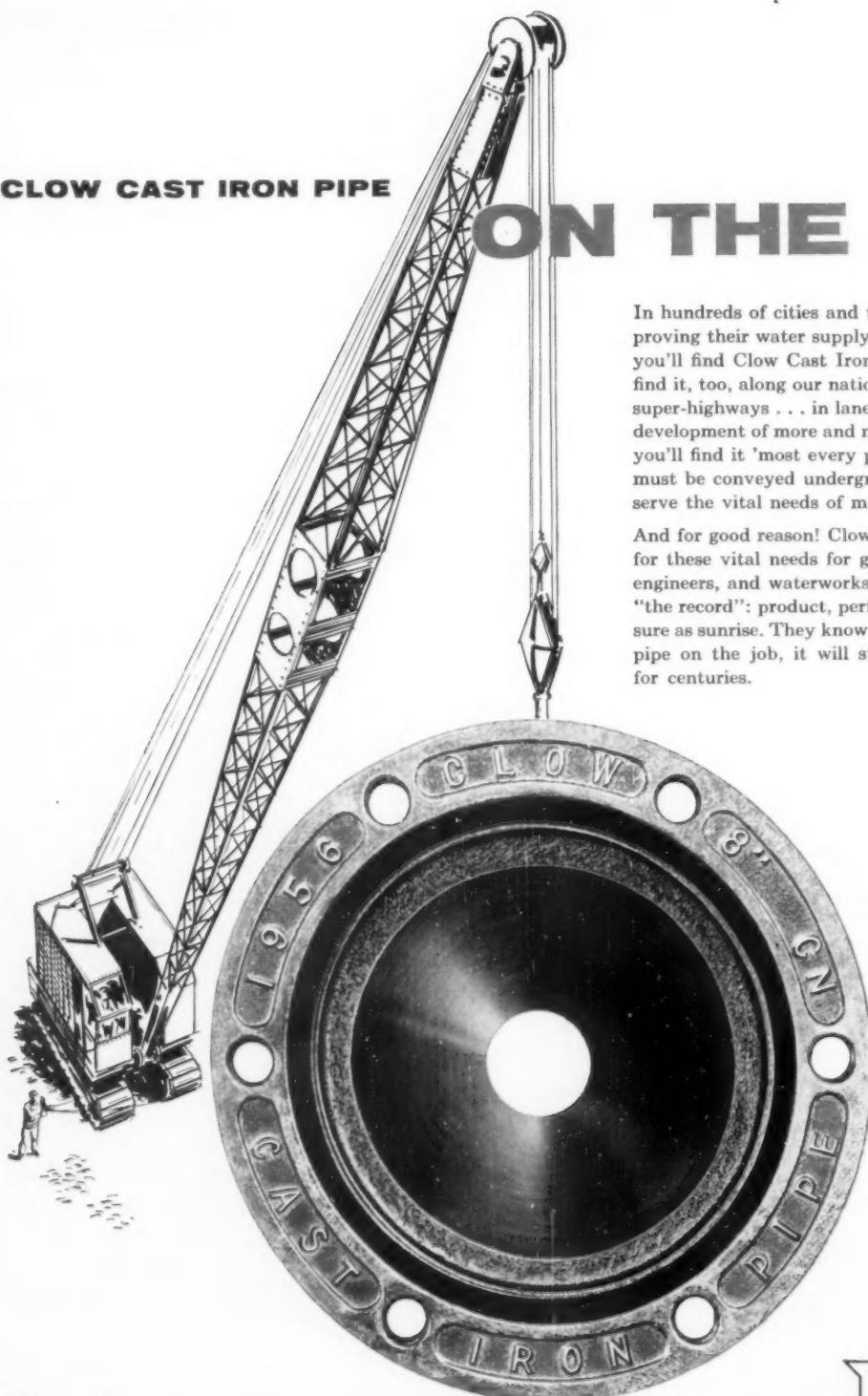
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# The Editor's

## POINT OF VIEW

### Some Hope for MSC Sanitary Engineers from Union with Veterinary Corps

SUDDENLY IT has been discovered by the higher-ups that there are more officers and men in the Veterinary Corps than there are animals in the Army; and the same applies to the Air Force. This is not surprising to anyone up to date in his knowledge of Army and Air Force organization. The needs for veterinary service for animals have long since disappeared, except for caring for pets; but the "Vets" can be of great value in food, milk and meat inspection, an essential preventive medicine service of the Army and Air Force. The personnel needs, however, do not justify its existence as a separate corps, and have not for a long time. Only the pressure of the national veterinary associations has kept it a separate entity thus far.

It is past time to merge the Veterinary Corps and the professional elements of the Medical Service Corps into one scientific corps which will have professional understanding, leadership and inspiration. It will take a long time to undo the regression of the past ten years of the MSC, so far as the professional men in it are concerned, if it can be done at all. Whatever hope there is for the future lies in the union of the engineers and other scientific personnel of the MSC with a strong and understanding group, such as the Veterinary Corps, which has the same general standards of education and training. We hope that such a professional corps can be formed, leaving to MSC the non-professional work which it can do so well, but providing a new, larger, stronger and more useful group for truly preventive and health protective work.

### Governmental Aid for Scientific and Engineering Training

CURRENT SHORTAGES of engineers and scientists have at last stirred Congress to action and a number of bills have been introduced that propose to provide assistance in training or otherwise improve the position of such men. Among these are the allocation to various agencies of more and higher paid positions for scientific and professional personnel; government-paid higher technical education for those

assigned to complex and highly specialized jobs; and some needed changes in Defense Department technical personnel policies.

It is past time that the same consideration should be given to the needs and values of engineers as has been given in the past to other professional groups—doctors, for instance. The main difference has been that the doctors had a spokesman and a strong and united association to back up their proposals; but the engineers had neither.

### These Big New Shopping Centers Have Public Works Problems

FEW COMMUNITIES do not have a big new shopping center just outside of the corporation limits, or one in prospect. In effect, these shopping centers are communities of their own; and they bring into service all of the skills of public works engineering. After construction, there is pavement for the customers—parking areas; and because of the tremendous traffic generated at such places, main roads and access roads are necessary as well as traffic signals and signs. For night shopping, there must be adequate lighting for safety and to facilitate traffic.

Water supply is, of course, a "must" and this brings on the matter of liquid waste disposal, with a sewer system and a treatment plant. In most cases, perhaps, a high degree of treatment will be necessary for these liquid wastes. The solid wastes likewise need consideration. A contractor may handle the collection problem, but what about disposal? Because of many considerations, size among them, this seems a place where sanitary fill can operate well.

Since all of these operations are outside of the municipality, a big question is who will be responsible. We have pointed out previously that, in many states, counties lack the power to control conditions of this nature in unincorporated areas except through the often cumbersome procedure of forming a sanitary district. At any rate, the problems posed ought to be high on the agenda of state and county boards of health, with at least a weather eye on the preparation of legislation which will be adequate for these problems, and for others of a similar nature that are certainly going to arise in the future.

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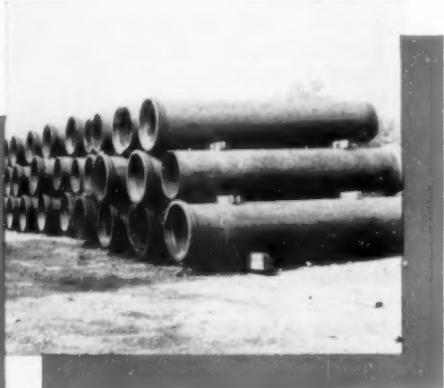
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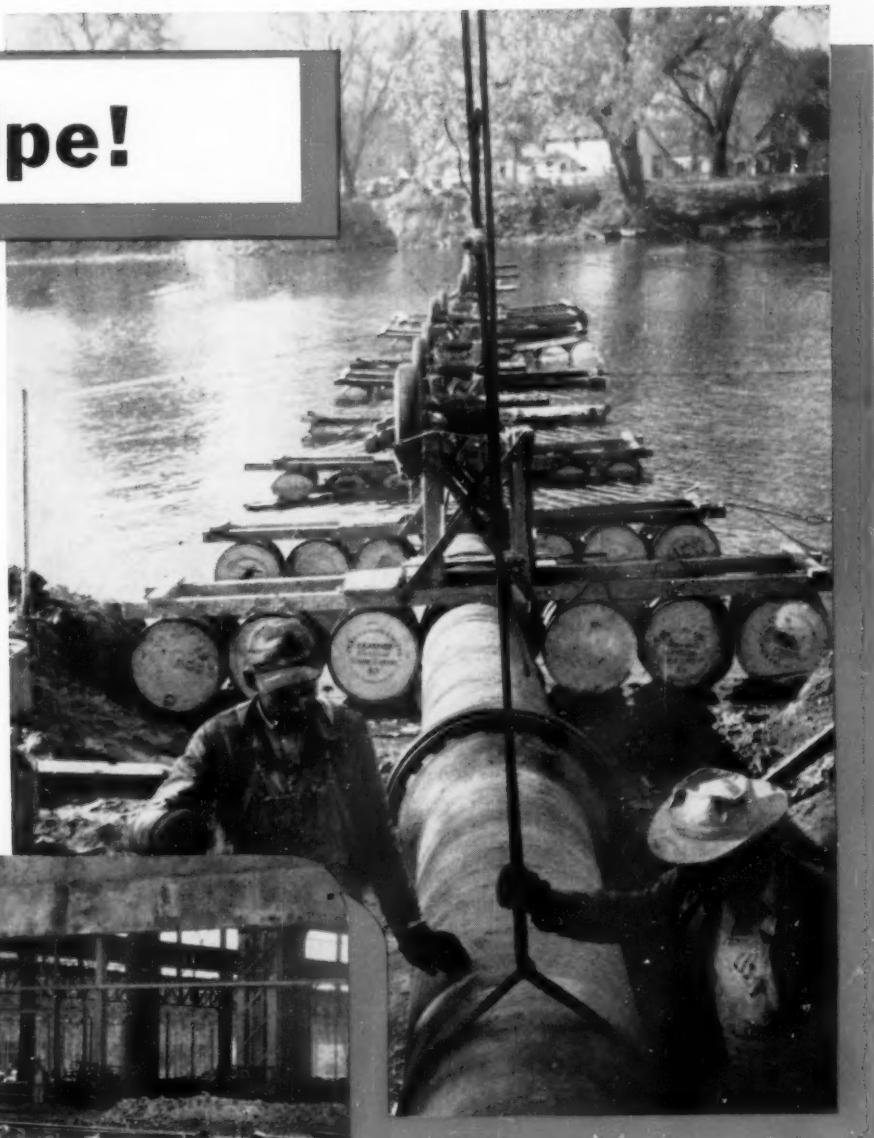
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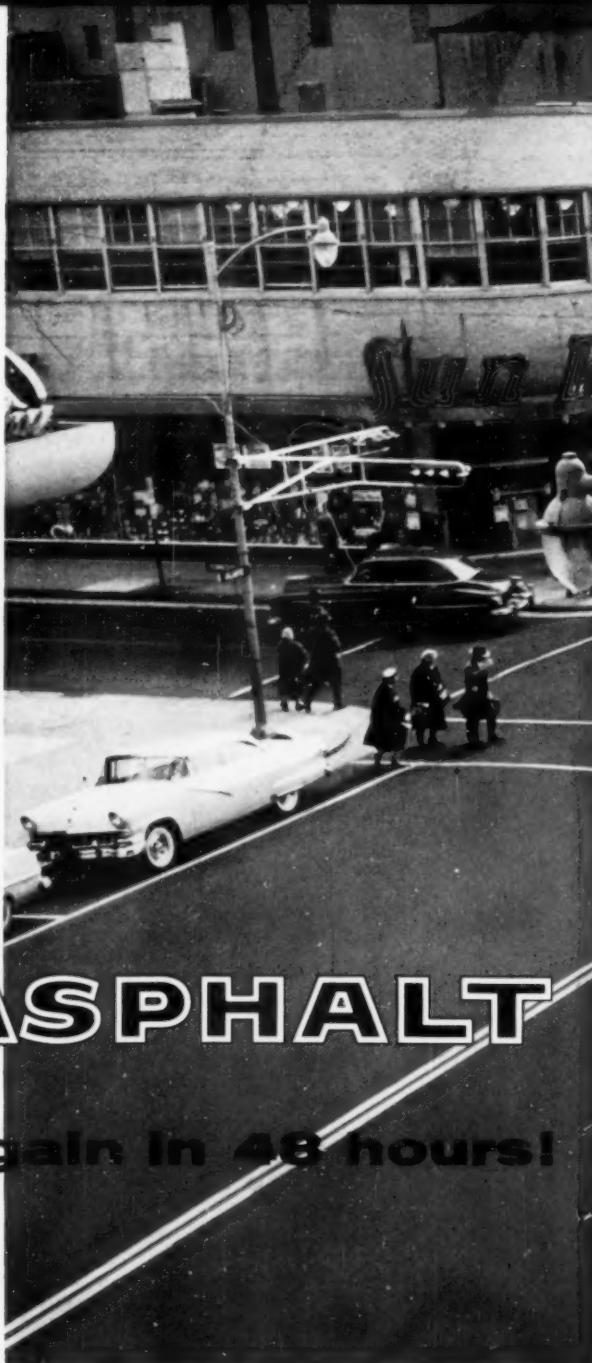
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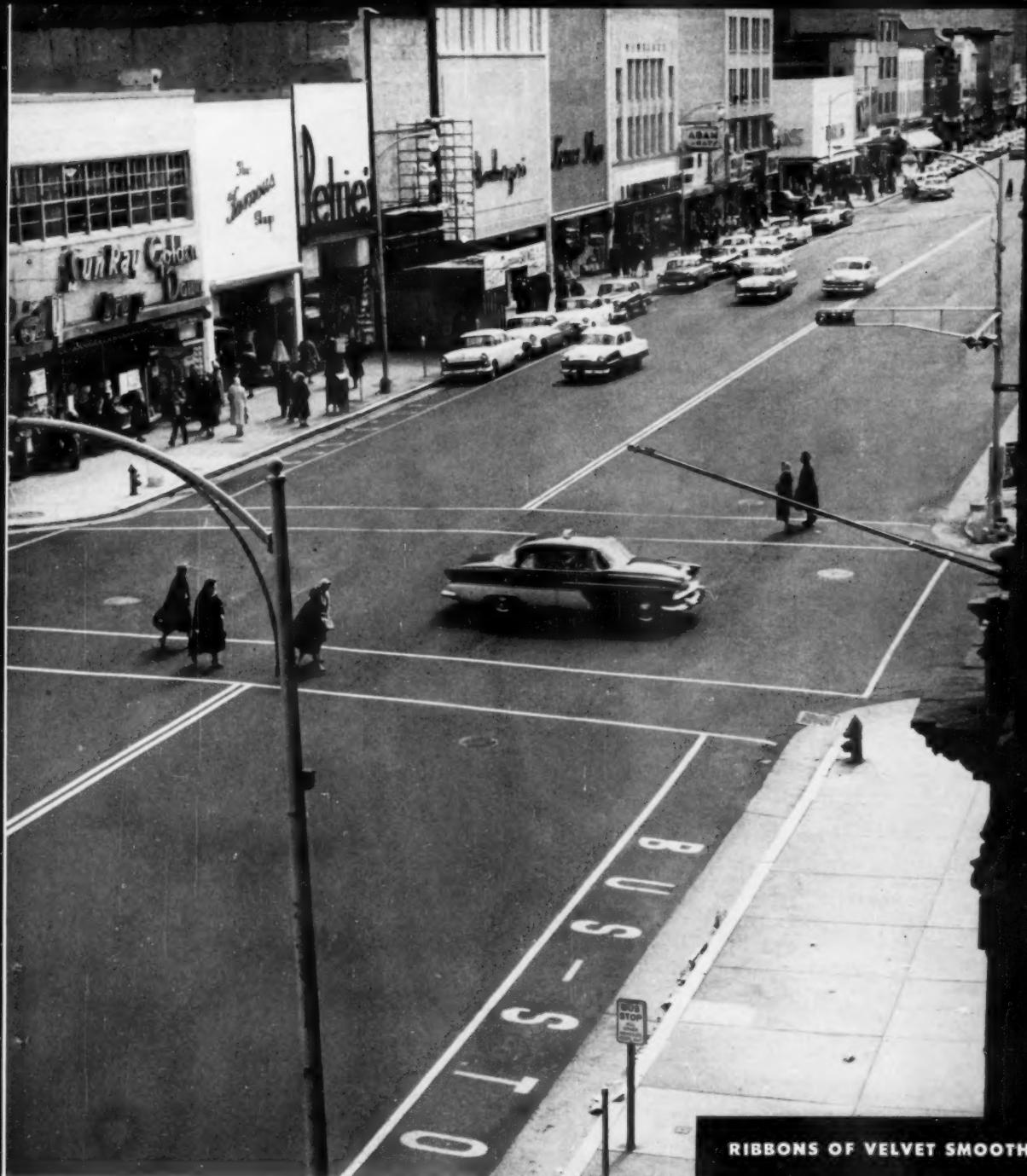
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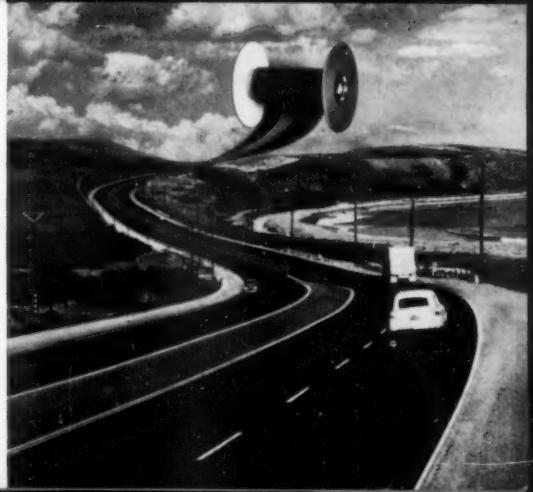
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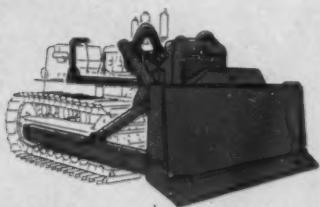
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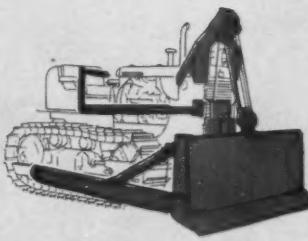
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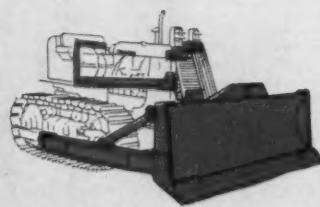
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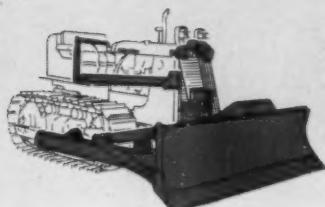
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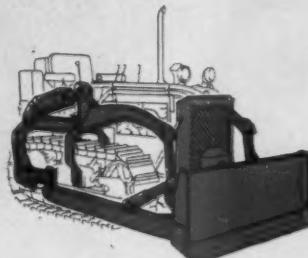
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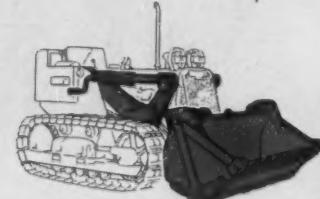
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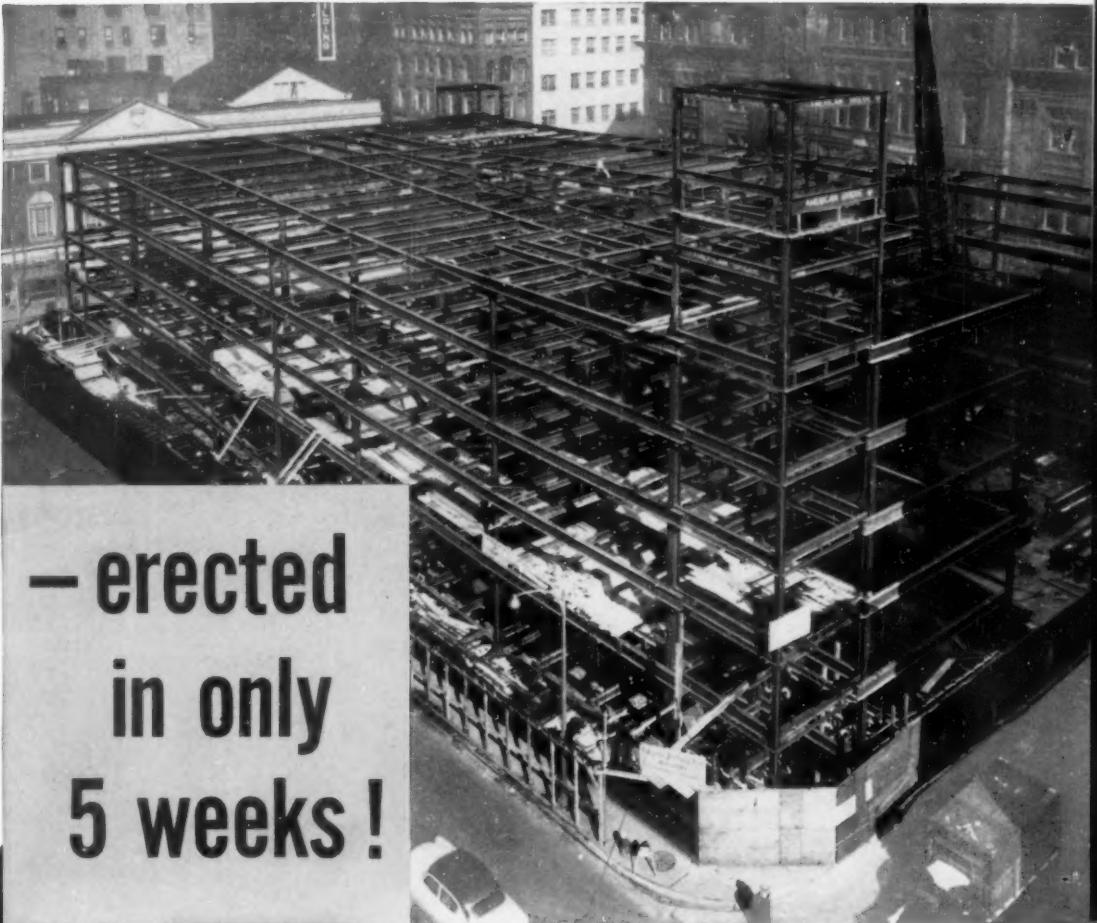
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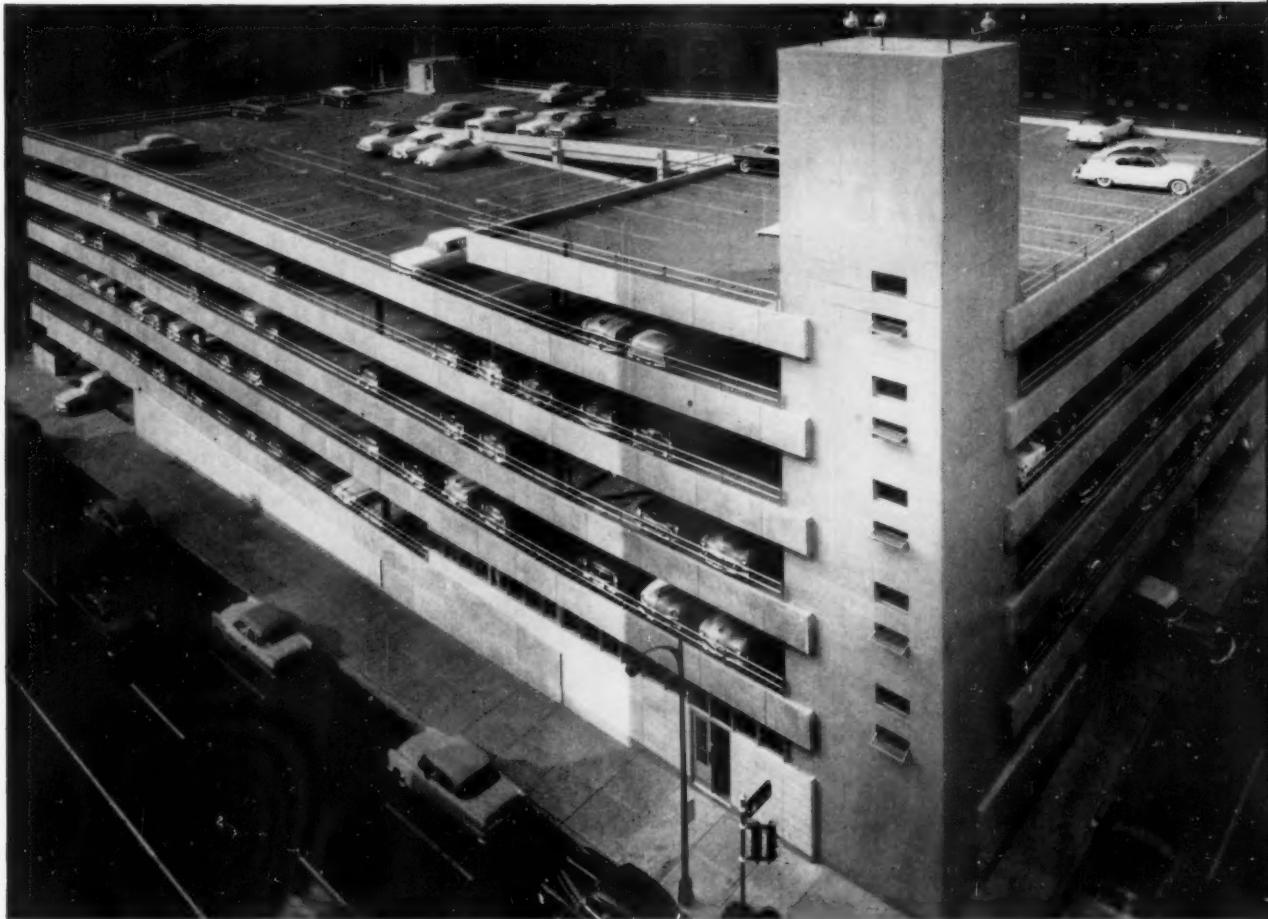
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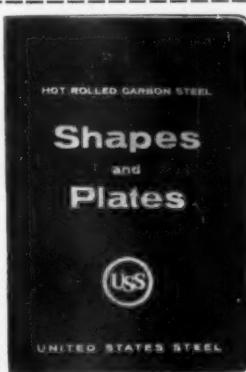
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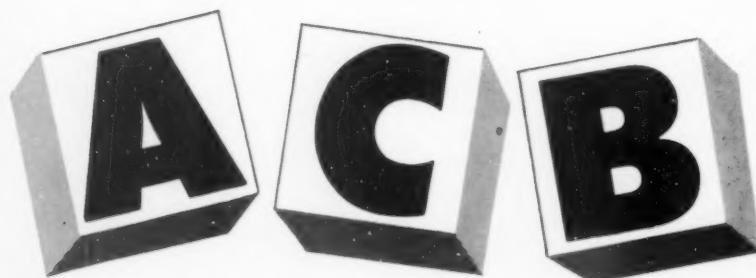
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### WATER SAMPLES FOR TASTE & ODOR STUDY

Our water research laboratory is most interested in procuring samples of water from all over the nation for study of actinomycetes in water supplies. We request that the samples be approximately 500 cc and that they be composed of water from the water supply with a little mud or organic matter picked up and added to the water. We would appreciate receiving as many samples as individuals are inclined to send us. We will isolate the taste and odor producing organisms and later will send back cultures to the collectors. By this technique, the water works engineer or filtration superintendent will have an opportunity to smell the causative agents that we have isolated for him and come to his own conclusions regarding their importance in producing tastes and odors in his water supply. I hope we get a goodly number of samples and I think the information we will obtain will be most useful.

J. K. G. Silvey,  
Chairman, Div. of Science,  
North Texas State College,  
Denton, Texas.

### STATE ENGINEER POSITIONS

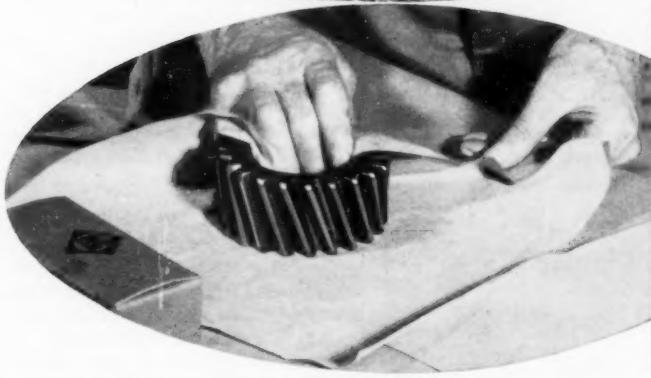
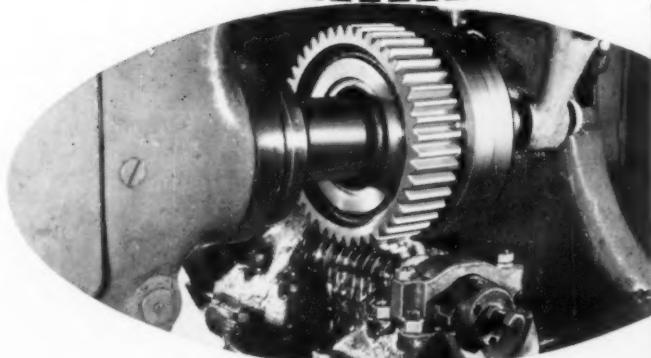
Your listing of the salary scales of five State Highway Departments is interesting. However, it needs to go somewhat farther to enable one to judge as to the opportunities for a satisfactory career working for a given organization. There would be no point to starting in with an organization which did not offer an adequate chance to advance to a well-paid higher position.

In the Florida State Road Department, for instance, how many positions are there in the entire state of the classification "Assist. District Engr.; Assist. Engr. of Dept." and higher?

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ways, how many positions are there in the entire state of the classification "Civil Engineer VII" or higher?

Under the Missouri State Highway Commission, how many positions are there in the organization of the classification "Senior Engineer III" and "District Engineer Assistant" or higher?

In California, under the Department of Public Works, how many positions are there bearing the classification "Senior Highway and Bridge Engineer" and higher?

And in the New York Department of Public Works, how many positions are there in the entire state designated "Associate Civil Engineer" or higher?

Equally of interest, though probably difficult to ascertain from the organization concerned, would be information as to how many of the desirable positions are filled by promotion from the ranks, and how many are essentially political appointments.

*Harold Nevin Carey*  
Registered Civil Engineer  
2026 North Street  
Phoenix, Arizona

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#### Traffic Engineering Course

A traffic engineering short course will be held at Purdue University August 6 to 10. Theme of the course will be "Engineering Aspects of Traffic Operation." The instruction course is designed for civil engineers from Indiana and nearby states who are interested in obtaining the most efficient use of existing street systems for traffic flow in urban and suburban areas. Special attention will be given to problems in the smaller cities. Further information may be obtained from Professor Don Berry, School of Civil Engineering, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

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#### News of Engineers

KENNETH S. WATSON, consultant for the General Electric Co., on water management and waste control, was appointed by the Secretary of State as Engineer Advisor to the United States Delegation to the ninth meeting of the World Health Assembly in Geneva.

E. W. KILPATRICK has become associated with the Boswell Engineering Co., Ridgefield Park, N. J.

ALFRED C. LEONARD has been appointed an associate in the firm of Malcolm Pirnie Engineers, consulting engineers of New York City.

# New York State Engineers build road in spite of slashed budget. Bitumuls with local aggregate is selected.

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## The original plan

Airport construction at Riverhead, Long Island forced the relocation of the Wading River-Manor Road. As engineered by the State Department of Public Works, plans for this road originally called for two 24 ft. lanes for a length of approximately 6 miles. Financing, through the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, struck a snag; and drastic economies were required to keep the job alive. In adjusting to the lower appropriation, it was decided to reduce the project to one 24 ft. lane, of a length allowable under the available monies.

New estimates indicated this would amount to approximately 3.16 miles, and invitations based on this distance were put out for bids. These specifications called for an 8 inch stabilized base, with 1" Asphaltic Concrete surfacing.

## Job data

Local selected soil, sand, and gravel blended to meet the following dry sieve specifications were used for

the stabilized base work on this job.

PERCENT BY WEIGHT PASSING		
Sieve	Specification	Aggregate Used
1 1/2" Sieve	100	100
1" Sieve	90-100	84.5
5/8" Sieve	60-80	78.3
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#10 Mesh	20-40	50.5
#40 Mesh	10-30	10.9
#80 Mesh	7-8	5.6
#200 Mesh	5-15	3.8
Emulsified Asphalt	5-7%	5.75 %

The amount passing the 200 mesh was specified to be not more than one-half the amount passing the 40 mesh sieve.

Aggregate was blended at the pit, approximately five miles from the job site, tested, then trucked to, and spread on, the sub-base. Enough such material for the bottom four inches of the base course was brought in and spread. Bitumuls Emulsified Asphalt, mixing grade, was pumped directly from the transport truck into a Rotary type mixer. This first 4" base course was mixed, rolled, and cured. Aggregate was then brought in for the second 4" course and the process repeated.

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## Surface course construction

The 8" Bitumuls Stabilized Base was topped with 1" fine aggregate Asphaltic Concrete surface course. Spreading and compaction of this material was accomplished by conventional methods. The surface course was extended 1 ft. on either side of the 24 ft. pavement to provide a degree of shoulder stability. Upon final acceptance, the road was turned over to the town of Riverhead, New York, by the contractor.



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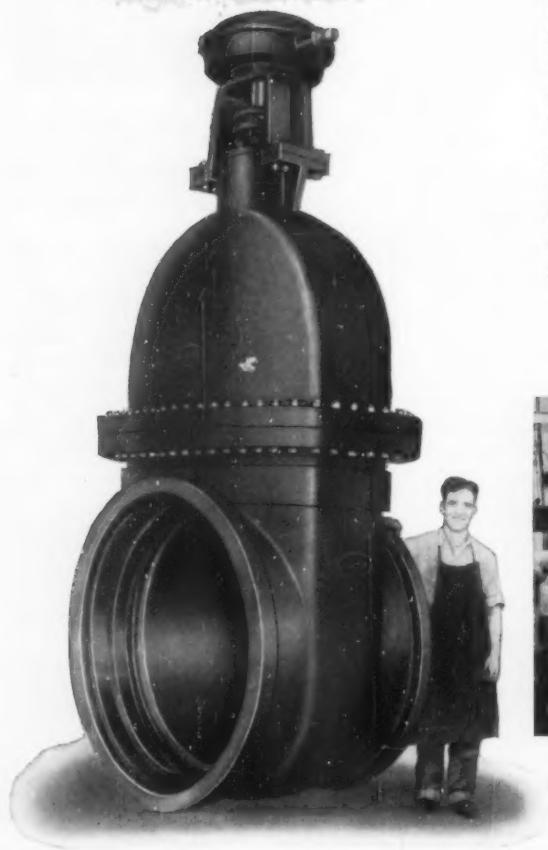
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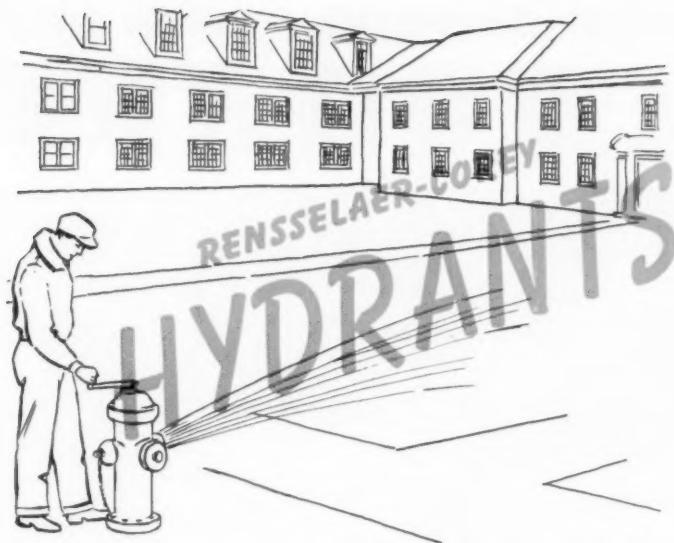
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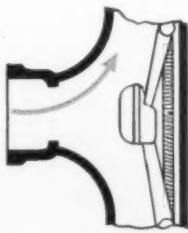
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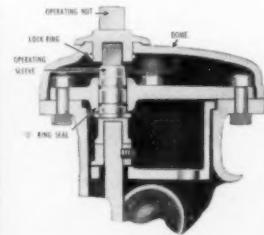
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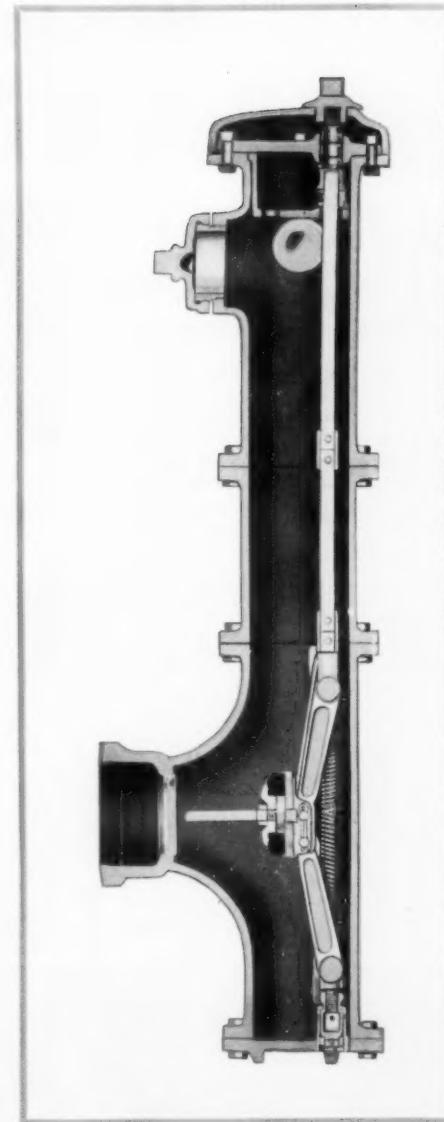
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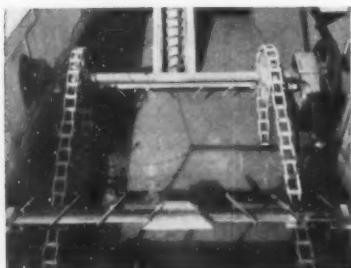
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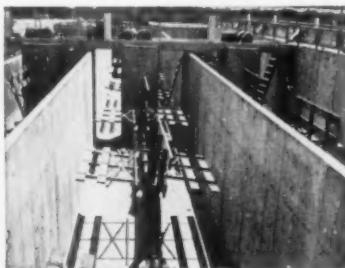
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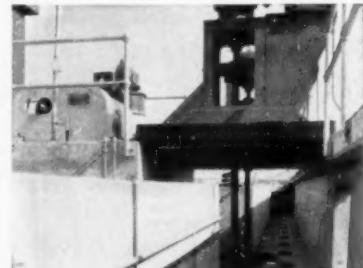
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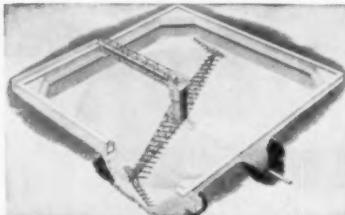
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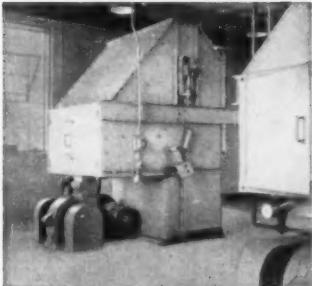


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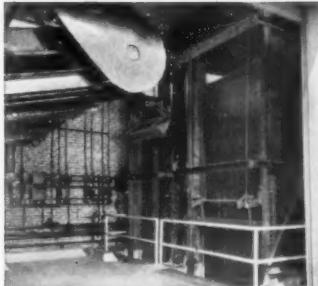


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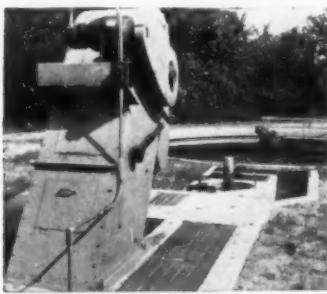
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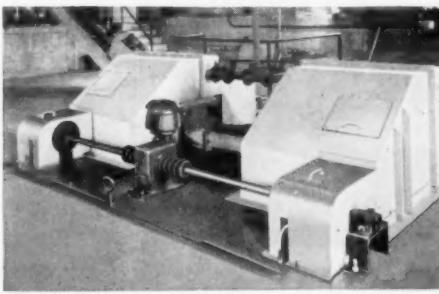
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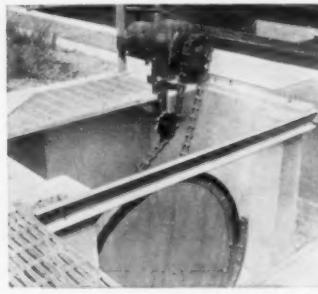
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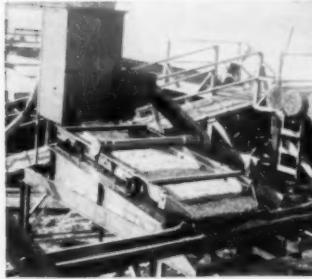
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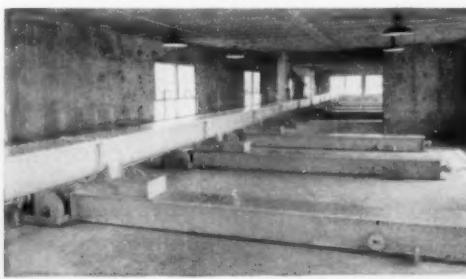
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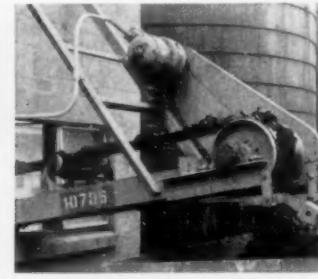
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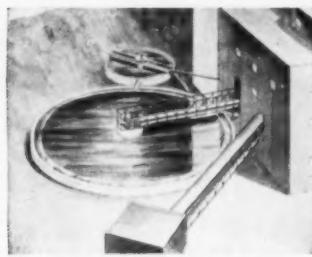
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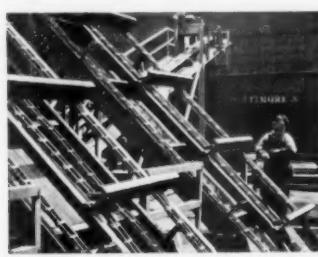
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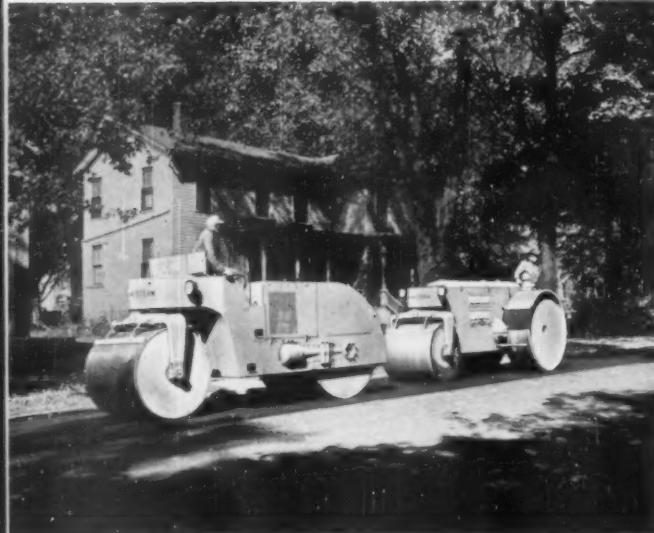
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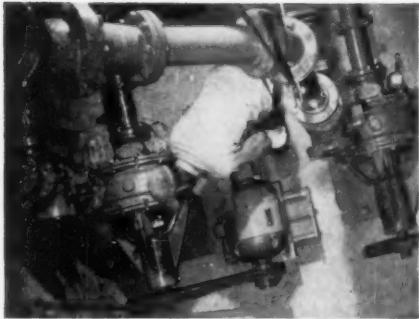


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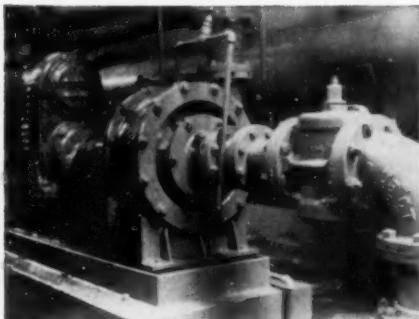
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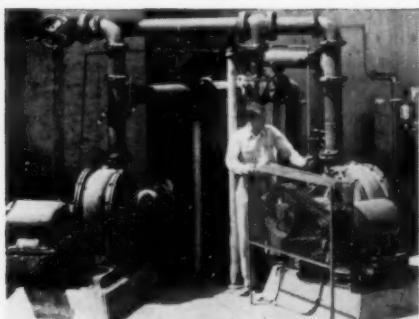
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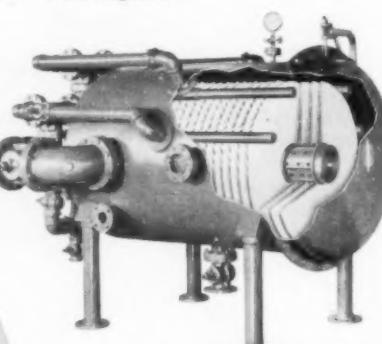
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Since 1949 he has been Professor of Civil Engineering and Professor in Charge, Bituminous Research Laboratory, Iowa State College, and has taught highway construction and traffic engineering subjects. He was born in Budapest, Hungary, and is a naturalized American citizen. He holds Professional Engineer licenses from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida and Iowa; and is a member of many engineering societies, including the ASCE, the ASEE, the ARBA, the Highway Research Board, the Institute of Traffic Engineers and the American Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists.



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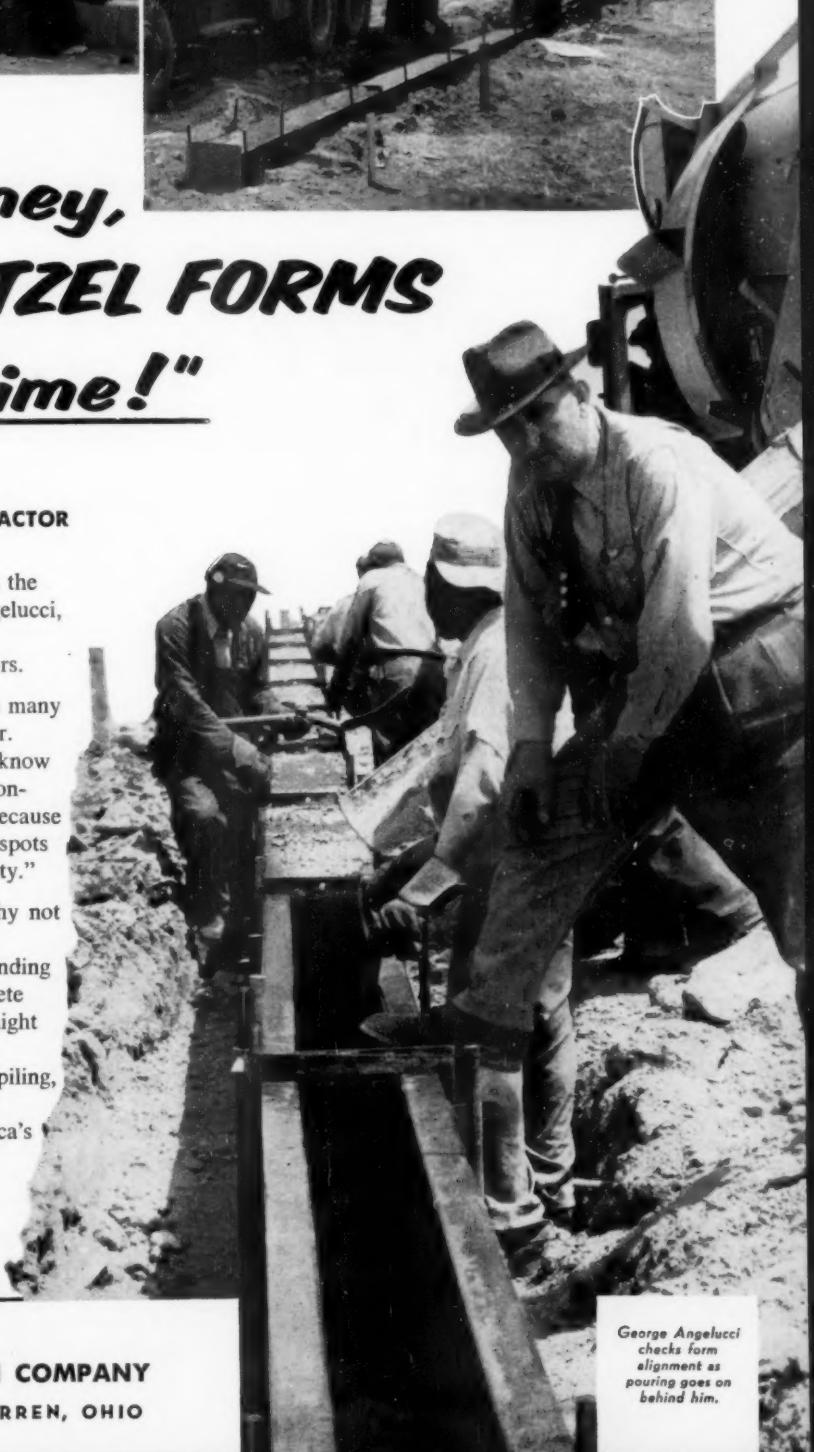
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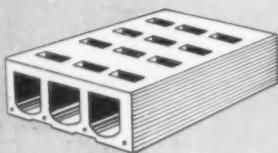
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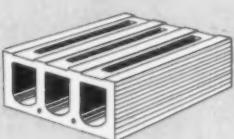
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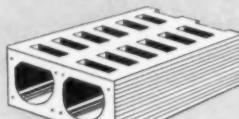
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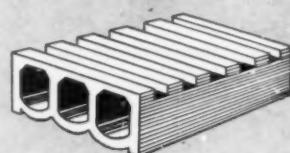
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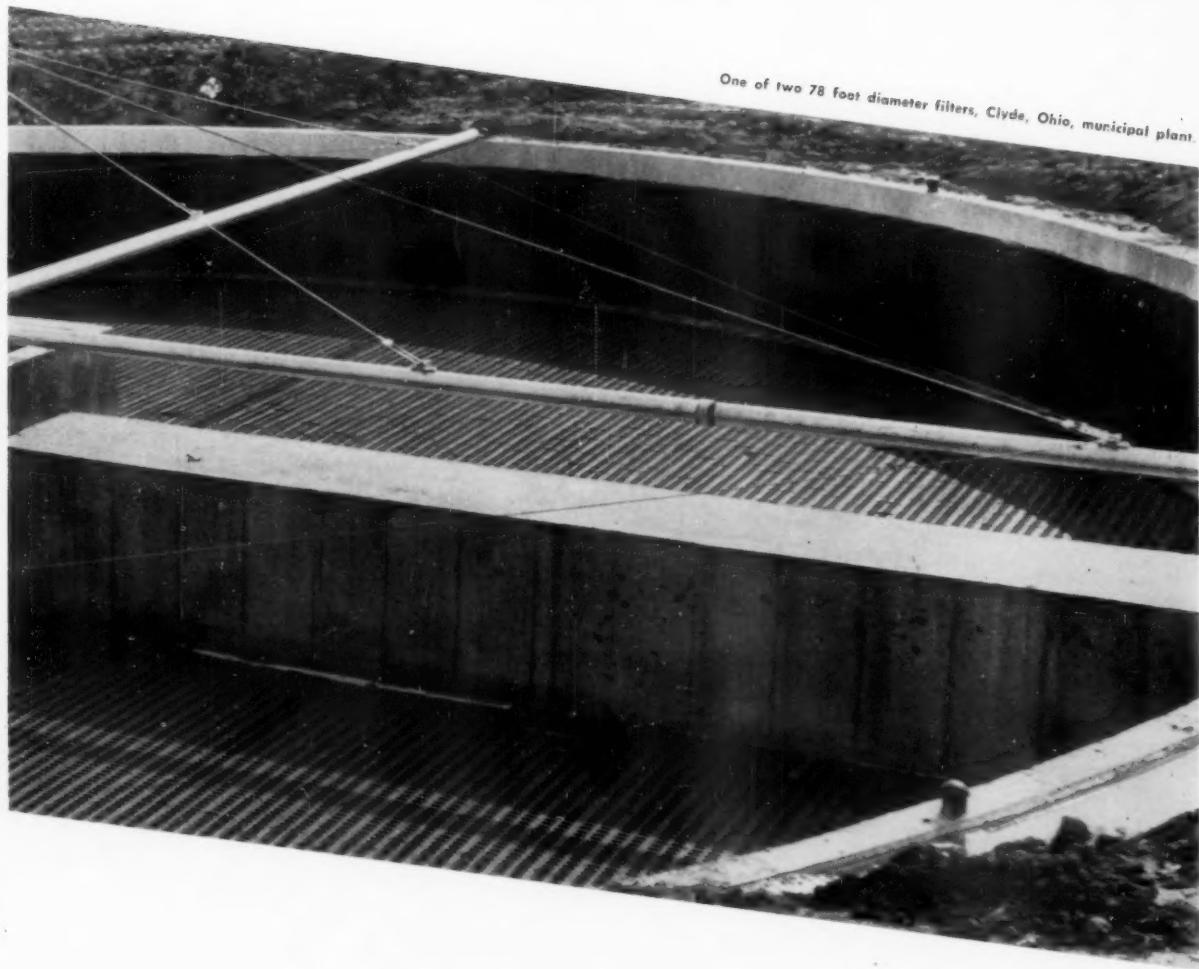
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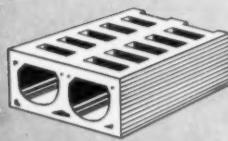
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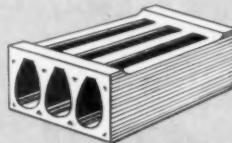
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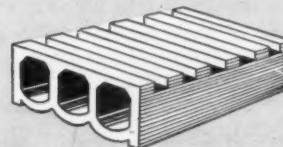
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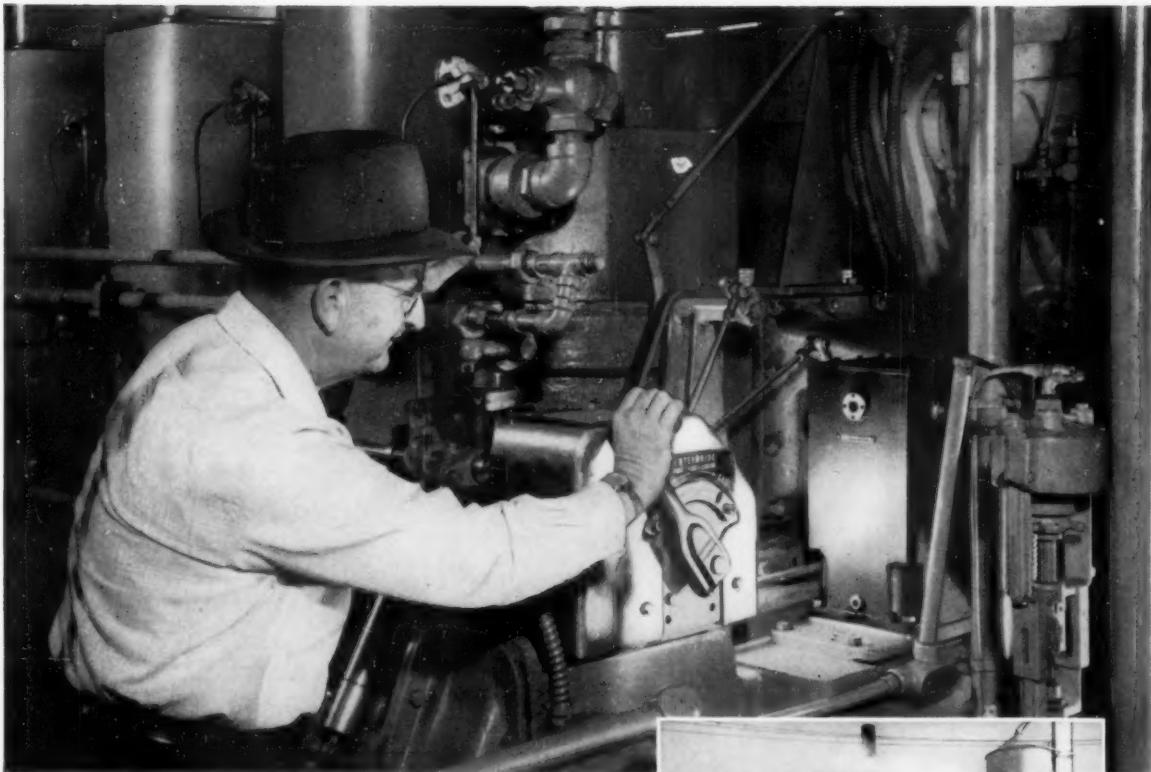


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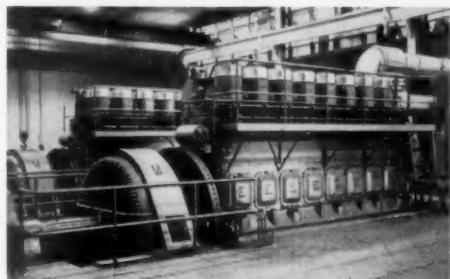
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### Literature on Galion

#### Roll-O-Matic 3-Wheel Roller

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### What You Should Know

#### About Chemical Weed Control

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#### System For Water and Sewage Field

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#### Swimming Pool Data Book

372. A 52-page book, profusely illustrated, containing data, photographs and prices of every item needed to build a new residential or public pool, or to equip and maintain an existing pool is now available. There is a section on proper pool care and maintenance and detailed descriptions of approved water treatment chemicals. Book is available by checking the reply card or writing to Modern Swimming Pool Co., Inc., 1 Holland Ave., White Plains, New York.

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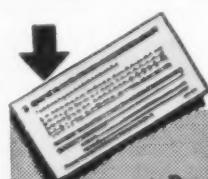
221. A new 8-page catalog describes and illustrates truck mounted, 2-wheel trailer, and 4-wheel trailer utility spray tanks. These tanks combine three operations in one unit, bar spraying and a pouring pot outlet for patching and crack filling. Two types of spray bars are available: the 10-ft. tubular type or the 8-ft. mechanically operated full circulating. For more information request Bulletin #GG-5, Littleford Bros., Inc., Box 73, 452 E. Pearl St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or check the reply card.

#### Information on Pressure Sand and Gravel Filters

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#### Kaiser Aluminum Signs and Markers

457. A 12-page booklet containing information on highway signs and markers has just been published by Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Sales, Inc., Consumer Service Division, PR-856. The booklet lists sizes and availability of various types of sign blanks and also included is detailed information on methods of finishing aluminum sign panels by applying reflective sheeting, paint, baked and porcelain enamel. Check the handy reply card.



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#### Residential Street Lighting

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#### Booklet On Electric Sets For Power and Protection

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#### Literature on the Control of Filter Flies

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#### Concrete Shore Protection

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### Catalog on Equipment

#### For Ice and Snow Control

410. Information on Baker snowplows and Flink ice control spreaders is available from The Flink Co., Dept. 5613, Streator, Illinois. Fully covered are reversible and one-way plows with hydraulic power lifts to meet every specification and single or dual spinner type spreaders. For reference catalog #110 check the reply card.

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### Meters and Instruments

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### Meter Features That Help Make Water Works Profitable

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### Handbook of Cast Iron Pipes and Fittings

52. Full engineering data on products of the Alabama Pipe Co., including Super De-Lavaud cast iron pressure pipe and pipe fittings, valve boxes and other municipal castings are provided in Pressure Pipe Catalog No. 54, a 196-page publication of Alabama Pipe Co., Anniston, Ala. Weights, dimensions and specifications are clearly indicated in this easy to use reference. Requests for this valuable publication should be accompanied by your business letterhead.

### Engineering Information and Water Distribution Products

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76. An 80-page manual, issued by R. D. Wood Co., Independence Sq., Philadelphia 5, Pa., presents specifications for "Sand-Span" cast iron pipe and fittings, outlines types of joints available, lists dimensions and weights in convenient tables and includes, in addition, full engineering data on the Mathews fire hydrant and R. D. Wood gate valves. Check the reply card for this useful information.

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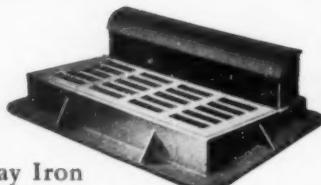
82. Complete information on Chapman motor units is available in catalog No. 51 from The Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co., Indian Orchard, Mass. Advantages, installation and operation are fully described. For more details on these units check the reply card today.

### What You Should Know About Turbine Pumps

167. In a colorful bulletin titled "Water Where You Want It . . . When You Want It" the Johnston Pump Co., Box "K", Pasadena 8, Calif., gives details on turbine pumps with semi-open or closed impellers; oil or water lubrication; and adaptations for any power source or combination thereof. Get your copy of Bulletin 1015 by checking the reply card.

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### Engineering Data on Diatomite Filters

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### Helpful Reference Catalog on Waterworks Gate Valves

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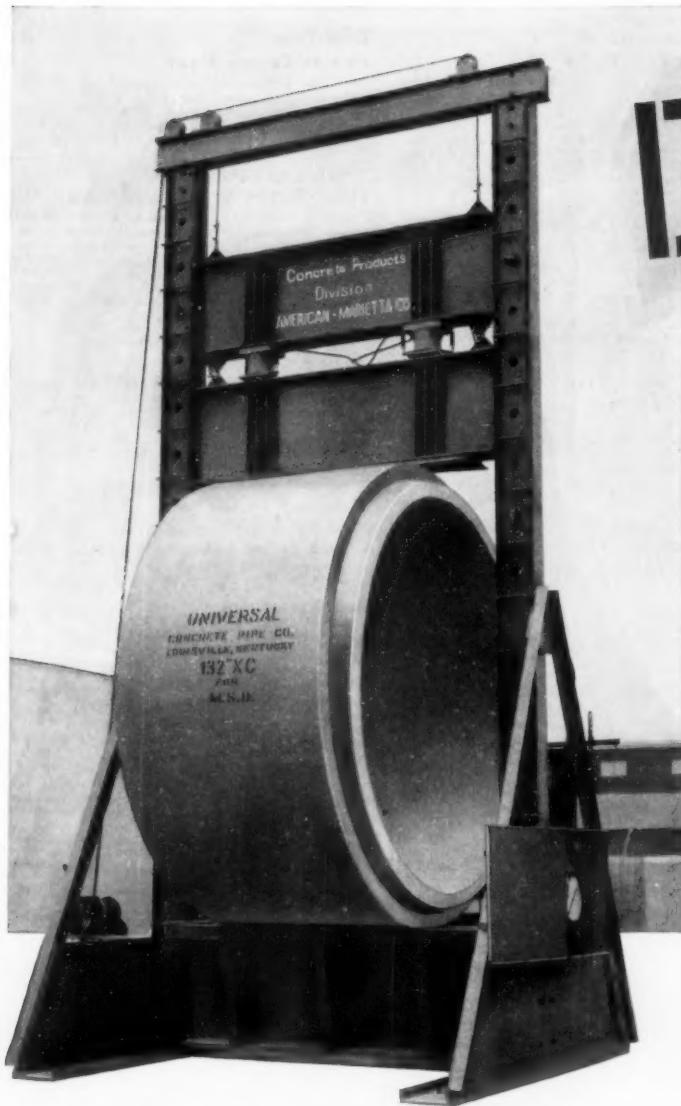
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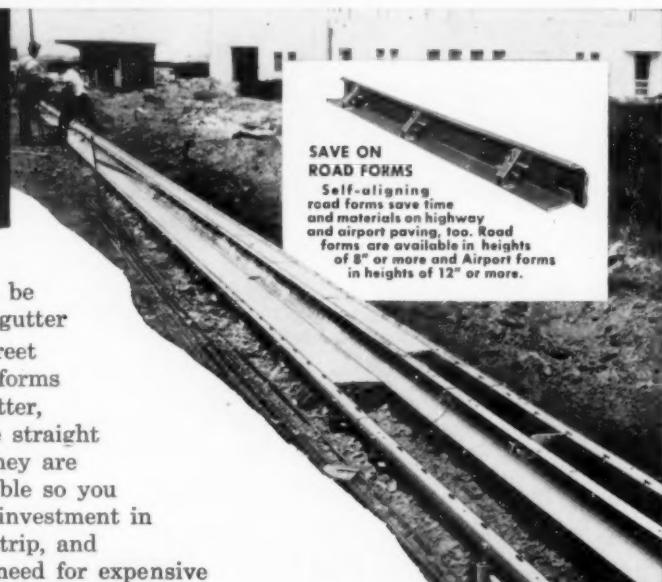
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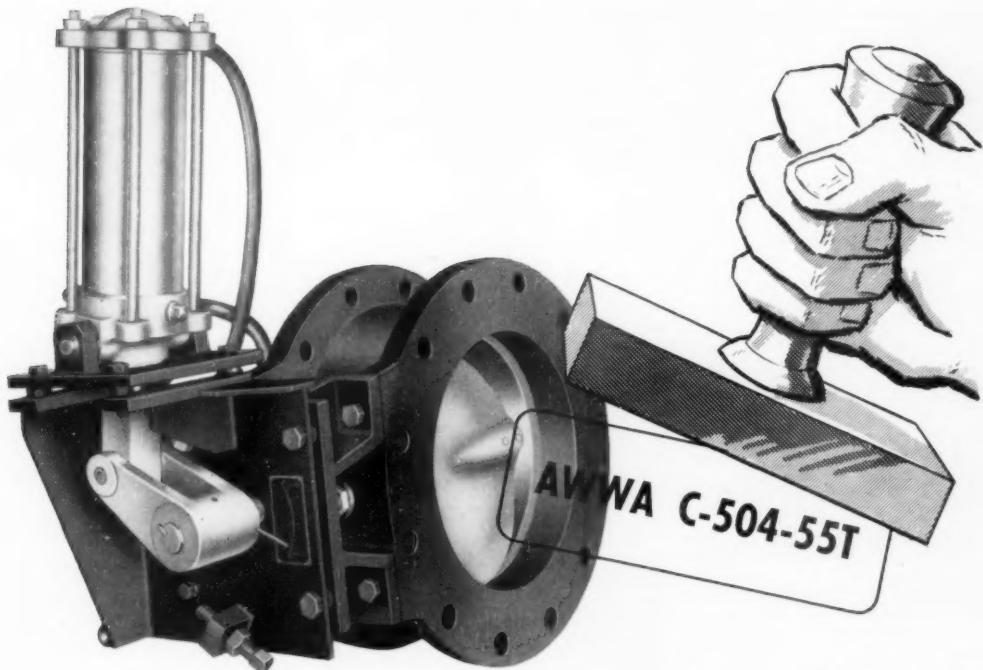
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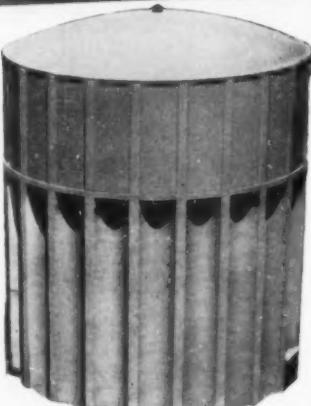
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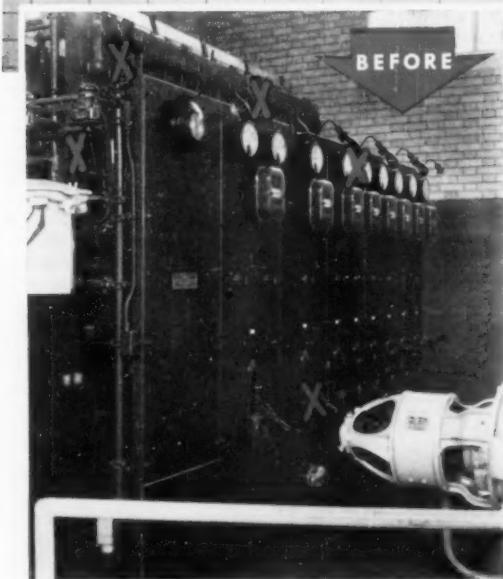
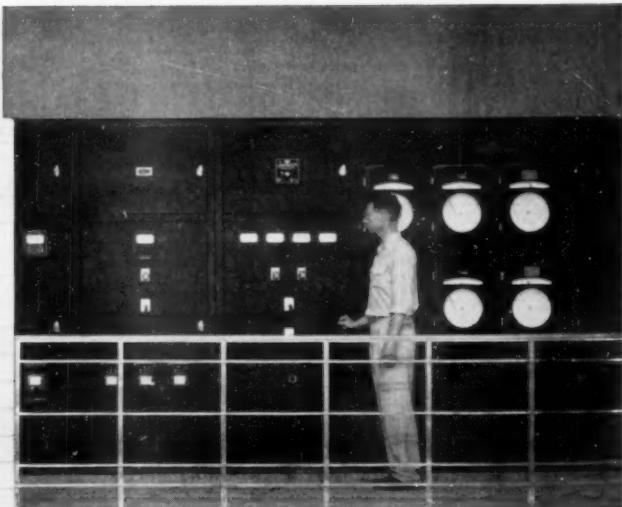
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209. Complete information is available from The Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus 16, Ohio on this 2-stage, oil-cooled rotary compressor. Features include 80% fewer moving parts, up to 30% less weight, vibrationless operation and 100° cooler air. For full details check the reply card.

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140. "Around the Clock, Around the World" is the title of an 8-page bulletin describing Le Roi's new 125 Tractair, a self-propelled compressor unit with flexible tractor power. Applications, uses, attachments and tools, design and specifications of the compressor and engine are listed. Write Le Roi Division of Westinghouse Air Brake Company 1706 South 68, Milwaukee 14, Wisconsin, or check the reply card for your copy.

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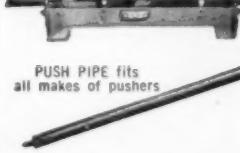
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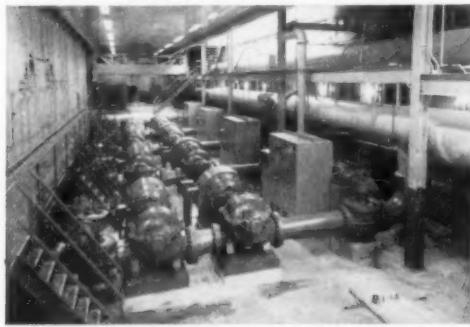
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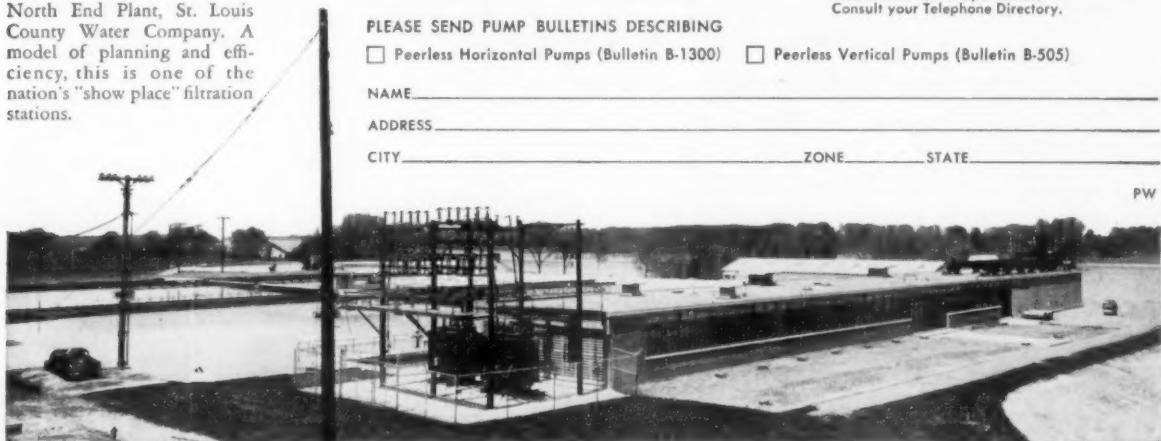


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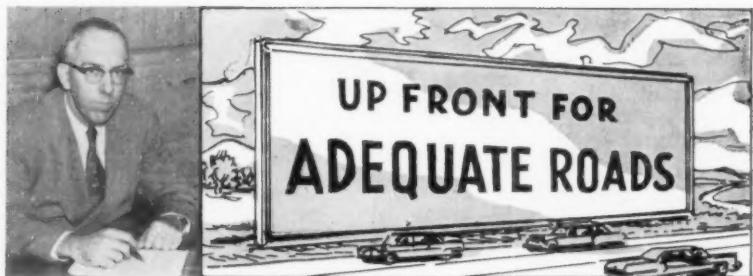


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**Memphis Parking** — A new Transit-Park plan was placed in operation in Memphis early in May. The "TP" plan is a public service gesture by 33 Esso Standard Oil service station dealers, who made available 886 parking spaces to motorists who park outside the central business district and ride public transit vehicles to and from their final downtown destinations. Available parking spaces are in various locations over the city, with transit time from the different lots to the heart of the downtown area ranging from 8 to 50 minutes. The idea, of course, is to help keep private cars out of the business district and encourage transit riding.

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Speaking of reflection cracking, the March-April issue of California Highways and Public Works carries an interesting account of research which is being done in that state to find means of preventing cracking of this type. Studies involve the use of welded wire fabric, bituminous road mesh, and expanded metal sheets as reinforcement in the bituminous overlay. Field test sections have not yet been in service long enough to permit the drawing

of definite conclusions regarding the relative effectiveness of the various materials used.

**Paint Remover** — We're not sure how new this sort of gadget is, but the Department of Traffic of the City of New York has recently acquired a traffic-line-removing machine, which erases up to 400 lineal feet per hour. The device operates roughly like a floor-sanding machine, and is guided by an operator over paint or plastic lines at a slow walk, removing the lines in one pass. Engineering estimates reveal that the cost of paint removal by the machine averages less than one cent per lineal foot. The cost for plastic removal is slightly higher.

**Airport Pavements** — As noted in an earlier column, the Air Force sometime ago announced a decision to curtail construction of asphalt pavements at military airfields, because of failures which were alleged to have occurred at seven heavy bomber bases. Naturally, the asphalt industry was not a bit happy about this turn of events. As a result, a new test airstrip has now been built at Kelly Air Force Base (Texas) and is being subjected to accelerated traffic tests. The test section incorporates thicker asphalt pavements than were used in the sections on which distress was noted, and heavily compacted base and subbase sections. Loading of the test strip is expected to be completed by 1 September.

**Another Step** — Another pioneer step in the integration of the nation's transportation systems was taken in April, with the inauguration of a new truck-water freight service by the Pan-Atlantic Steamship Corporation, between Houston and New York. In the new plan, loaded truck trailers are being placed directly aboard ocean-going tankers. The scheme is generally similar to the "piggy-back" system being used on railroads. Two T-2 type tankers equipped with special



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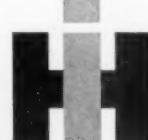
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**New Publications** — The Eno Foundation for Highway Traffic Control has come up with another of its comprehensive reports on an important problem in the traffic field. This one is called *Parking—Legal, Financial, Administrative*. It is a 200-page book covering such topics as objectives of governmental policy, the metropolitan setting for the parking problem, ascertaining parking needs, legal authority for public off-street parking, methods of financing public facilities of this type, parking facility programs and organization, and relation of land use regulation to the parking problem.

The manual was authored by the Joint Committee on Urban Traffic Congestion and Parking, of which Jefferson B. Fordham is chairman. Address of the Foundation is Saugatuck, Connecticut.

Another very interesting document is one entitled *Federal Airway Plan, 1957-1961*. Issued by the CAA, it sets forth the plans for modernizing the country's airways system to accommodate jet aircraft, and permit a greatly increased number of aircraft movements of all types, and increase air safety. Major and associated components of the airways system are described in some detail. The book is available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C. (price-\$1.00).

**From Hither and Yon** — John A. Logan, formerly head professor of Civil Engineering, has been named Associate Director of Northwestern

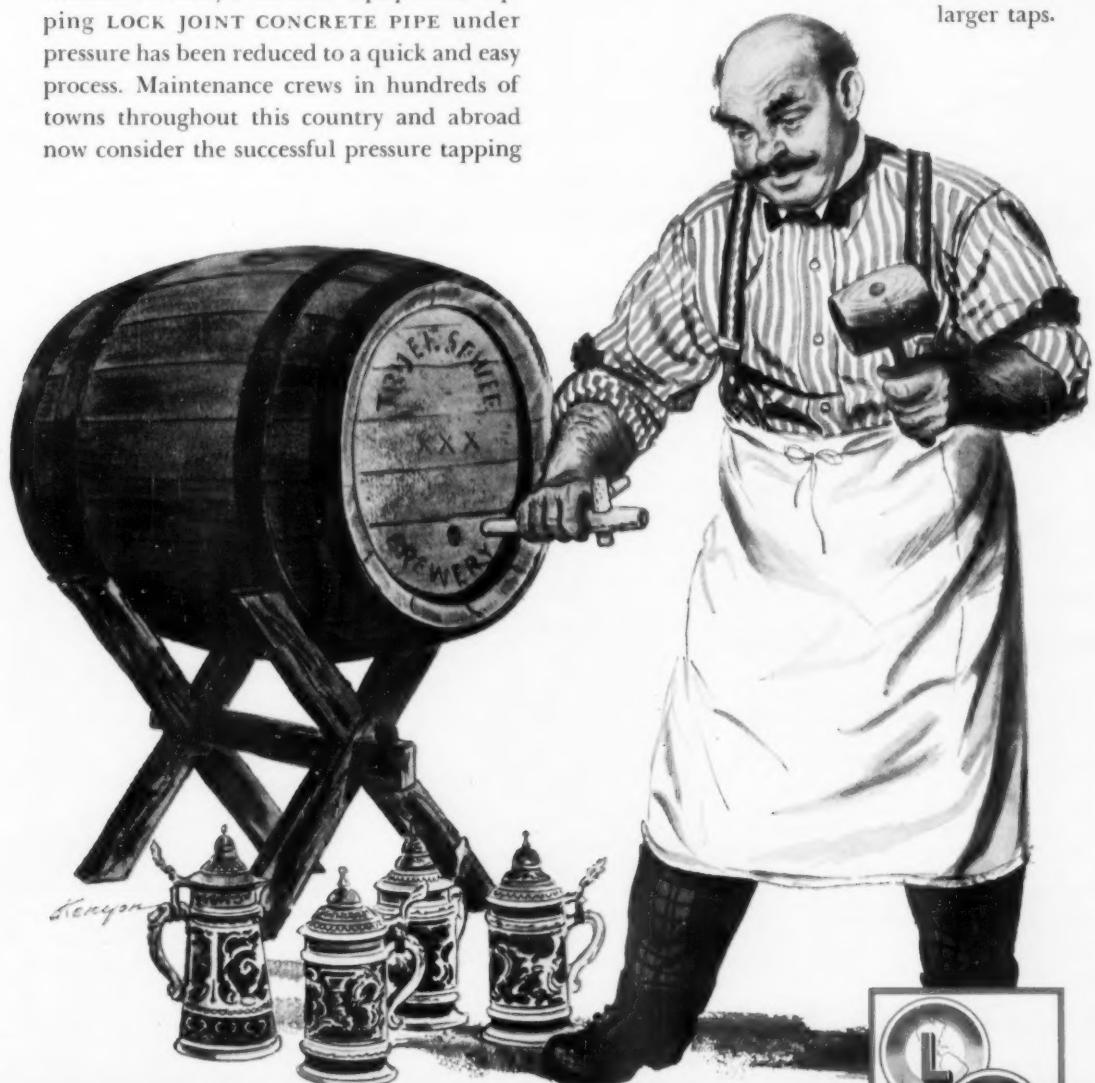
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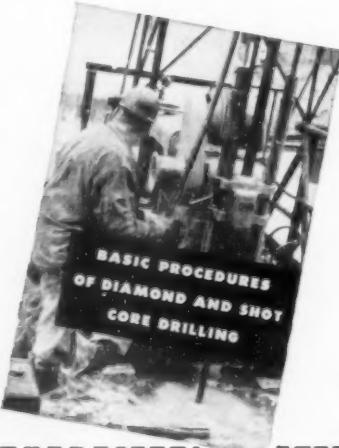
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University's new Transportation Center at Evanston, Illinois. After 33 years of outstanding service, W. A. (Bill) Warick has retired as Chief Construction Engineer of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways. Midway Airport (Chicago) was the busiest in the country in 1955, for the fourth consecutive year, according to figures recently released by the CAA. In addition to revenue problem, the Ohio Turnpike is experiencing another kind of difficulty, since it is reported that a 300-foot section of the road has sunk several inches into a swamp deposit. The last gap between the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Turnpikes has now been closed, with the opening of the new Delaware River Bridge in May; closing of this gap is expected to cut about 90 minutes off the running time between the Midwest and New York City.

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### DESIGN AND TESTING OF FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS

Four papers presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Highway Research Board, January, 1955, are included in this bulletin: "Wheel-Load-Stress Computations Related to Flexible Pavement Design," by Chester McDowell; "Design, Construction and Evaluation of Heavy-Duty Runways," by W. H. Campen and J. R. Smith; "Flexible-Pavement Design with Cone Device," by W. A. Wise; and "Pavement Deflections and Fatigue Failures," by F. N. Hveem. Price \$1.65. Copies of Bulletin 114 can be obtained from the Highway Research Board, 2101 Constitution, Washington, D. C.

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## Stabilization of Gravel Now Required on New York's "Erwin-Program" Roads

**The "Erwin Program"**—New York's law to provide state aid for the improvement, repair and reconstruction of certain town highways—was recently amended in a most significant way. This law now reads that gravel or other surfacing "shall be stabilized with a suitable binding material..." Formerly, the law simply stated that such surfacing "may be stabilized."

With this amendment to the "Erwin Program" in effect, it is now the job of Town Highway Superintendents and other officials to select the most effective gravel stabilizer for their roads. At the same time, they must also select a stabilizer which is low in cost, readily available, and easy to store and apply.

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Robert T. Carrier, the use of rock salt as a stabilizing agent has proved unusually successful on his roads. "The gravels in our area," he writes, "are particularly well suited to the use of rock salt, since there is a well-proportioned blend of hard material and clay binder."

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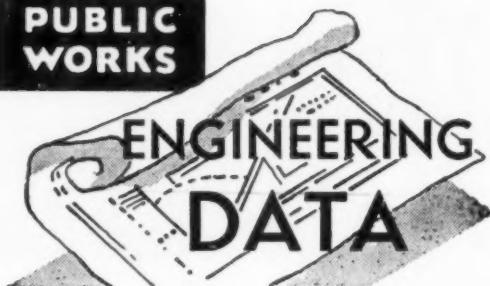
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## Cost of Laying 6-inch and 8-inch Water Pipe in Toledo

As usual, the Toledo, Ohio, Division of Water, in its excellent annual report gives costs of laying 6-inch and 8-inch water pipe. The average cost per foot for laying 6-inch pipe, based on 15,464 ft., was \$5.48. For short lines, to 500 ft. in length, the cost was \$8.27; for lines 500 to 1000 ft. long, the average cost was \$5.70; and for lines over 1,000 ft. long, the average was \$3.99 per ft. Of the total cost for these lines, 49.9 percent was for materials; 22.7 percent was for pavement restoration and labor; 12.8 percent was for hauling and equipment; 7.2 percent for supervision and overhead; 0.7 percent for assessment fees; and 6.7 percent for engineering.

Included in these percentages were three 8-inch lines totaling 1,465 ft. in length. A line 140 ft. long cost \$8.37 per ft.; another 486 ft. long cost \$7.14 per foot; and a third 540 ft. long cost \$6.67 per ft.

These figures are for the year 1955. Sol Wittenberg is Commissioner of Water for Toledo and George Van Dorp is Chief Engineer of the Water Division. John R. Alspach is Director of Public Service.

## Algae Growth in Sewage Oxidation Ponds in California

Observations on the oxidation ponds of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and of the City of Santa Rosa, Calif., on pilot plant ponds at Richmond, and on "micro ponds" in the laboratory have shown that the unicellular green algae *Chlorella* and *Scenedesmus* are the photosynthetic organisms most important in the functioning of the ponds.

It has been found that these algae do not grow on sewage in the dark and they do not reduce the content of oxidizable matter in sewage when growing on it in the light. Their development in the ponds is thus possible only by photosynthesis, for which they use carbon dioxide produced in the oxidation of organic matter by colorless organisms.

The maximum algal crop which can be grown on the nutrients present in domestic sewage is 1 to 2 grams dry weight per liter. To obtain any appreciable increase over this figure it is necessary to supplement the sewage with nitrogen as well as with carbon. The algal crop in the large-scale ponds at present in use is usually much smaller than the maximum which can be grown with the nutrients available.

The algal flora present in oxidation ponds can be used as a means of following pond operation, since *Chlorella* (and, to a lesser extent *Scenedesmus*) is the principal alga in ponds in which sewage is undergoing active oxidation. When oxidation is well ad-

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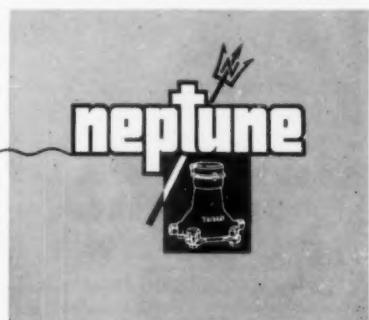
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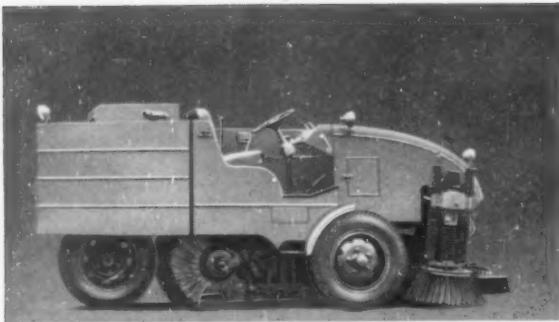
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vanced, *Chlorella* is succeeded by a mixed flora in which *Scenedesmus* and *Chlamydomonas* are important. Some of the factors underlying this algal succession are discussed in the report mentioned in the last paragraph.

Large ponds have been found to operate successfully under a wide variety of conditions. They are to a large extent self-regulating. Experimental ponds designed for maximum algal growth are more efficient, but require more control.

Information on sampling and experimental methods and a detailed analysis of data collected on the oxidation ponds studied are presented in appendices to a report by M. B. Allen, Department of Botany, University of California, to the State Water Pollution Control Board of which Vinton W. Bacon is Executive Officer. Copies of the 48-page report are available from The State Printing Division, Sacramento 14, Calif., at 75 cents.

### The Maintenance Work of a Water Department

The following information is from the Annual Report of the Department of Water Supply, City of Detroit. The report covered the fiscal year to June 30, 1955. The maintenance and construction operations of the water department included the following. There are 391,167 meters in service, varying from  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch to 30-inch in size, an increase of 1501 meters during the fiscal year. A total of 30,756 meters were removed for various reasons, and 33,695 meters were repaired in the meter shop. The cost of materials and labor for repairs was \$195,867.65.

During the year, 3,909 new services were installed ranging in size from  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch to 12-inch. A total of 746 old service connections were discontinued, leaving a net gain of 3,163 services.

The hydrant division inspected 9,397 hydrants, repaired 739 leaks on hydrants; set 162 new hydrants; replaced 41 defective hydrants; reconditioned 533 in the shop; painted 6,276; thawed out 458; replaced 129 broken hydrants; moved 84; and repaired 215 joint leaks on hydrants during the year. Construction crews installed 26,629.5 feet of pipe and discontinued 16,694.8 feet of pipe during the year.

### State Urban Redevelopment Laws

In approximately two-thirds of the states in the United States, legislation has been enacted to authorize cities, redevelopment agencies, housing authorities or other local public agencies to cope with urban slums. These laws, in general, empower such local public agencies to prepare surveys and plans; borrow money and issue obligations as security for loans; accept federal aid; acquire real property in slum, deteriorated and other areas by purchase and condemnation; demolish and remove buildings and other structures in such areas; and clear the areas.

Also these laws generally empower such agencies to prepare the land for redevelopment by providing streets, utilities and other site improvements in the area; sell or lease the cleared land for redevelopment primarily by private enterprise, and impose upon the purchasers and lessees of such cleared land obligations to use the land in accordance with a plan. The constitutionality of these state enabling laws has been upheld by the courts of last resort in many states. This information is from the Eno Foundation For Highway Traffic Control.

## A Survey of Standards For Permanent Street Improvements

To collect information for an analysis of the standards now in use in controlling permanent street improvements in new urban residential areas, a questionnaire was mailed to the city engineers of 51 of the 56 cities in the United States with 1950 populations of from 100,000 to 200,000; to the city engineers of the 31 cities in Wisconsin with 1950 populations of 10,000 or greater; and to the city engineers of 9 cities with 1950 populations of from 50,000 to 100,000 in the midwest. As a result of this survey of standards for permanent street improvements in new urban residential areas, and of other research, the following recommendations are made.

- (1) Roadway width—Several standards, based on street types and usage, should be provided for: 10-foot traffic lanes and 8-foot parking lanes are recommended for minor residential streets.
- (2) Maximum percent grade—5 percent; and minimum percent grade—0.5 percent.
- (3) Minimum radii of curves—130 feet for turning speeds of 30 miles per hour and minimum corner radii of 50 feet at intersections for speeds of 20 miles per hour.
- (4) Minimum curb radius at intersections—intersecting streets with parking lanes—15 feet; intersecting streets without parking lanes—30 feet.
- (5) Integral concrete curb and gutter should be used.
- (6) Maximum driveway openings in curbs—30 feet.
- (7) All sidewalks should be constructed of concrete with a width of 4 feet for minor residential streets and a sidewalk thickness of 5 inches; with 6-inch thickness at residential driveways.
- (8) Prohibit the use of side ditches and require the use of enclosed storm sewers.
- (9) Require water mains, sanitary sewers, and storm sewers in all new subdivisions before lots are sold. It is recommended that these utilities be placed in the area between the sidewalk and the curb.
- (10) Control number and placement of utility poles.

### Who Owns Garbage?

A man brought before the New York special sessions court because, it was said, he had burned rubbish in a hallway of his building, was freed because the justices failed to answer three questions asked by the Legal Aid Society attorney.

The questions were "Who owns rubbish after it is thrown away?" "Does it have any legal value?" and "How does the burning of garbage decrease its value, if there is any that exists to begin with?" The defendant had been arrested on an arson charge, but the grand jury failed to indict on that charge, returning instead another indictment charging willful injury to property. Attorney Robert Kasanof argued that the rubbish was not owned by anyone since it had been thrown away by a resident and who could prove that garbage had value of even one dollar? The justices ruled it had not been established beyond reasonable doubt that the facts constituted the crime charged. Toledo City Journal.



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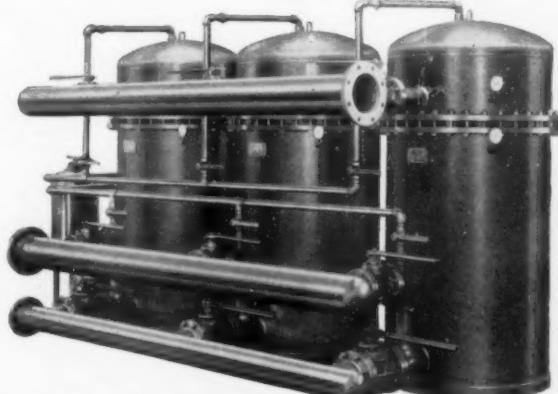
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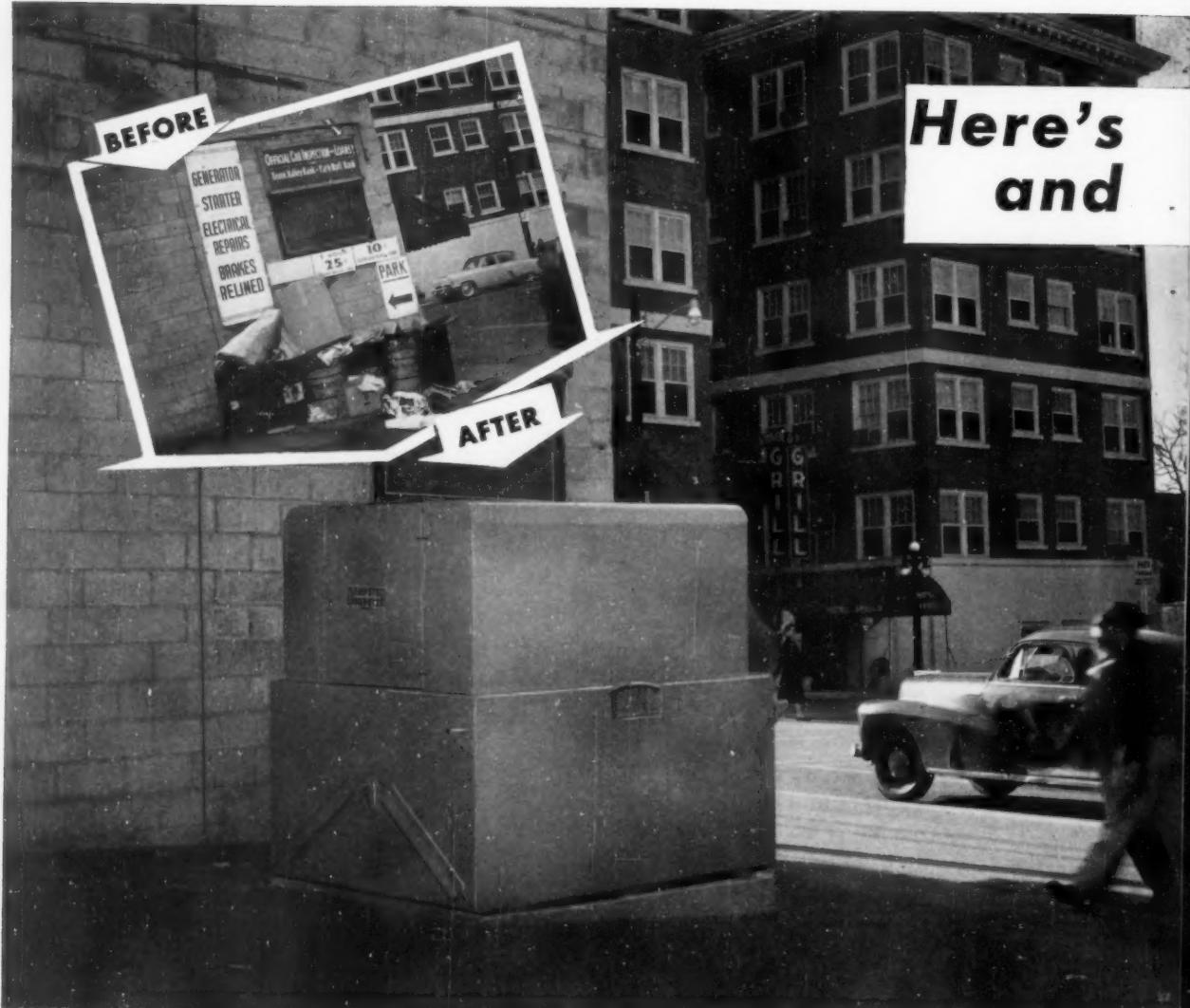
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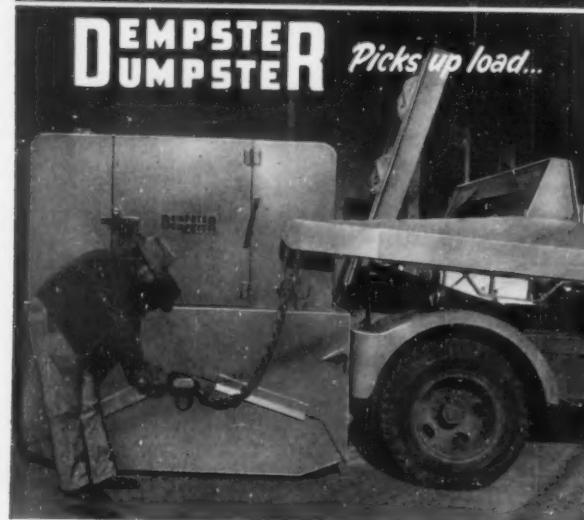
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**Playgrounds reclaimed from dumps, property values increased  
near homes and a polluted creek filled—these are some of  
the benefits resulting from nine years of sanitary landfill.**

When Waterloo, Iowa, was using the open dump system of garbage disposal, the Mayor often received requests like this: "We're having a party tonight, Mayor. Could you stop burning rubbish at the dump?" Worst of all, the city fathers were constantly worried about possible lawsuits brought about by the unsightly, unsanitary dumps, which were breeding places for rats, flies and vermin.

Many people accepted this condition as a necessary evil. But not Carl C. Fagerlind, Waterloo Street Commissioner, who proposed the sanitary landfill method of disposal. He explained this in terms taxpayers could understand. "You just find a low area and dump your garbage there. You spread the refuse out, then run over it with one of those big crawler tractors. This

squashes everything together, then you cover the refuse with about two feet of dirt. Flies or rats can't get to the refuse and it can't burn.

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The city fathers thought the idea had merit. They told Fagerlind to "Take one of the city's tractors and see what we can do at our present dumping site. We can't spring this on the city until we are sure we know how to operate a successful landfill."

After Fagerlind had convinced them that he had the know-how, the next step was to promote sanitary landfill to other city officials, the park board, the planning commission and influential



Carl Fagerlind, Waterloo Street Commissioner, was the prime mover in the city's adoption of sanitary landfill. About 20 acres of land have been reclaimed since the operation started in 1947.



Turning a dump into a baseball diamond is just one example of the improvements made in Waterloo by use of sanitary landfill. A few feet under this field are tons of garbage.

Waterloo business leaders. The Mayor, actively supporting his Street Commissioner, carried his proposal in a series of talks to service clubs, to the League of Women Voters and the press. Finally, the City Council felt the story had reached enough people and Fagerlind was instructed to go to work on his first project, the Fairview Dump.

This dump, next to beautiful Cedar Rapid Park and just a short distance from the municipal baseball stadium, was overrun with rats. Fires burned night and day and baseball games were frequently interrupted when the out-fielders could not see through the fog of smoke that drifted over the field.

Using the landfill method, Fagerlind and his crews converted this public nuisance into a playground. So successful was the conversion that people from



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in landfill. This, plus solid packing of earth over the refuse, eliminates vermin and odors and prevents fires. Eventually, grass seed is sown and the area becomes a community asset.

all sections of the city offered him other sites for reclamation. As a result, among other improvements in the last nine years, there's a dike along the Cedar River that protects about 20 square blocks of a residential neighborhood. This was constructed at a saving of from \$4000 to \$5000 to taxpayers. And an old mill race that cut through another residential section has been filled.

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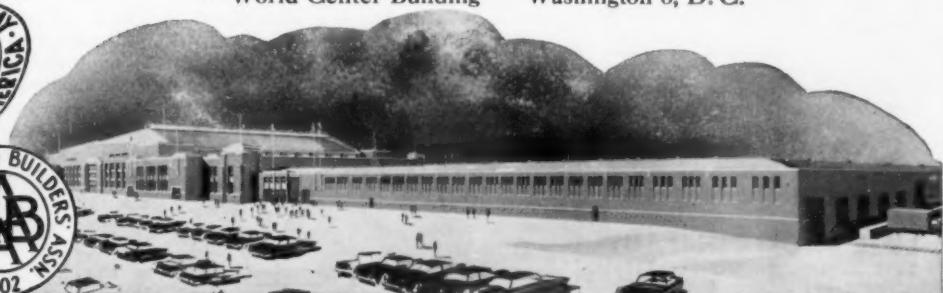
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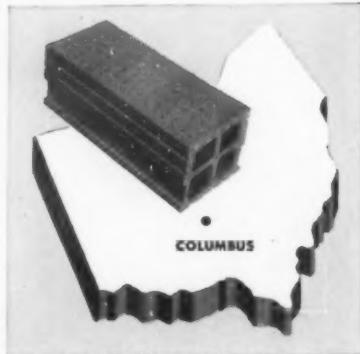
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the very purpose of acquiring the right to flood plaintiff's land, and had deposited the amount of the award in the custody of the court which heard the condemnation proceeding. The plaintiff was very dissatisfied with the award, however, and chose to bring the injunction action against the private defendant, Hughes Bros., Inc., apparently in a roundabout effort to put pressure on the City.

The court held, however, that the plaintiff had already been compensated for the losses by means of the condemnation award, and that the condemnation proceeding had been valid. The mere fact that a private individual was greatly benefited by the flood control project did not prevent it from being a public project. Thus, the City's exercise of its eminent domain power was proper, and was binding on the plaintiff. As a result, he could not get any further relief from the City, whether by way of damages or an injunction. And as to his action against Hughes Bros., Inc., the court held that the mere fact that a private individual receives benefits from a public project, contributes to its cost, and assisted in securing the project for the City, does not mean that he is personally liable for the results.

As a result, the plaintiff got nothing except more floods—and Hughes Bros., Inc., succeeded in keeping the river away from its door.

### Only Nature Can Make a Tree Fall Down

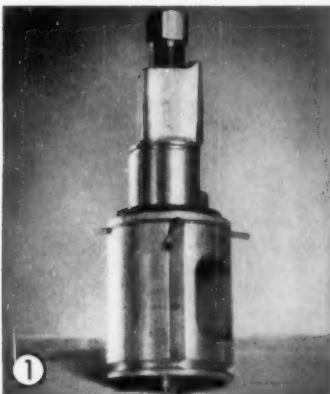
*In The Standard Fire Insurance Co. v. City of Fremont*, 131 N.E. (2d) 221, an Ohio case decided Dec. 14, 1955, a house was damaged by the falling of a tree on it.

Prior to April 1, 1950, there stood in front of the Smith premises between the sidewalk and the street proper a large elm tree. Several months earlier, the City of Fremont undertook the project of widening and paving Jackson Street in front of the Smith property through an independent contractor. The con-

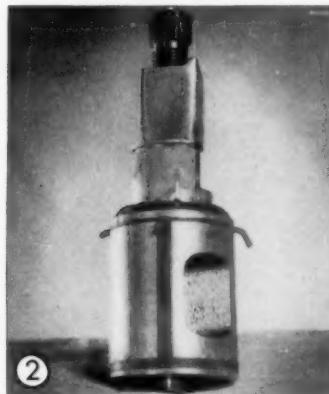
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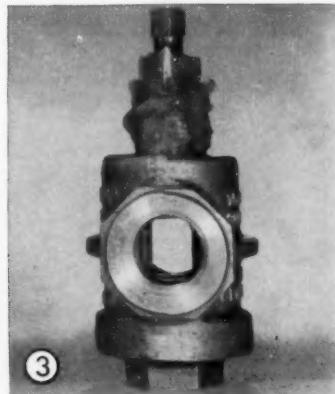
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tractor, in carrying out the work as planned by the City, cut off some of the roots of the tree in question on the side next to the curb line of the street in order to insert curbing. This cutting weakened the stability of the tree. During the winter months following, the tree began to lean away from the street toward Smith's house. An officer of the City of Fremont was notified of the condition and ordered the tree removed. However, before its removal, it fell on the Smith house and damaged it to the extent of \$2200. Smith's insurance company paid for the repairs and brought suit against the City.

The Insurance company's theory was that the cause of the damage was the City's negligent acts in the construction and maintenance of a public street.

The Court held, however, that the duty to remove the tree was based on the City's common law duty to perform its governmental functions, rather than on its statutory duty to keep the streets in repair. The statute which holds a City liable for negligence in maintenance of public streets relates only to injuries caused by defective conditions in the street itself, which injuries arise out of public travel in the street. That was not the case here.

Therefore, the only duty of the City was based on common law, rather than on the statute. But since this was a governmental function, rather than a private or proprietary function, the City's immunity from suit protected it. As a result, the Insurance Company was able to recover nothing from the City.

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### Water Consumption Ever on the Increase

The following data were abstracted from the Annual Report of the Department of Water Supply, City of Detroit. This report covered the fiscal year to June 30, 1955. The average daily pumpage of water from the water plants was 457,544,900 gals. The maximum day pumpage occurred on July 27, 1954 and was 695,800,000 gals. The maximum hourly pumpage occurred on July 26, 1954 and was 39,580,000 gals. The average per capita consumption per day was 162 gals. The maximum hourly pumpage was at a rate of 949,900,000 gals. a day or at a per capita per day rate of 336 gals.

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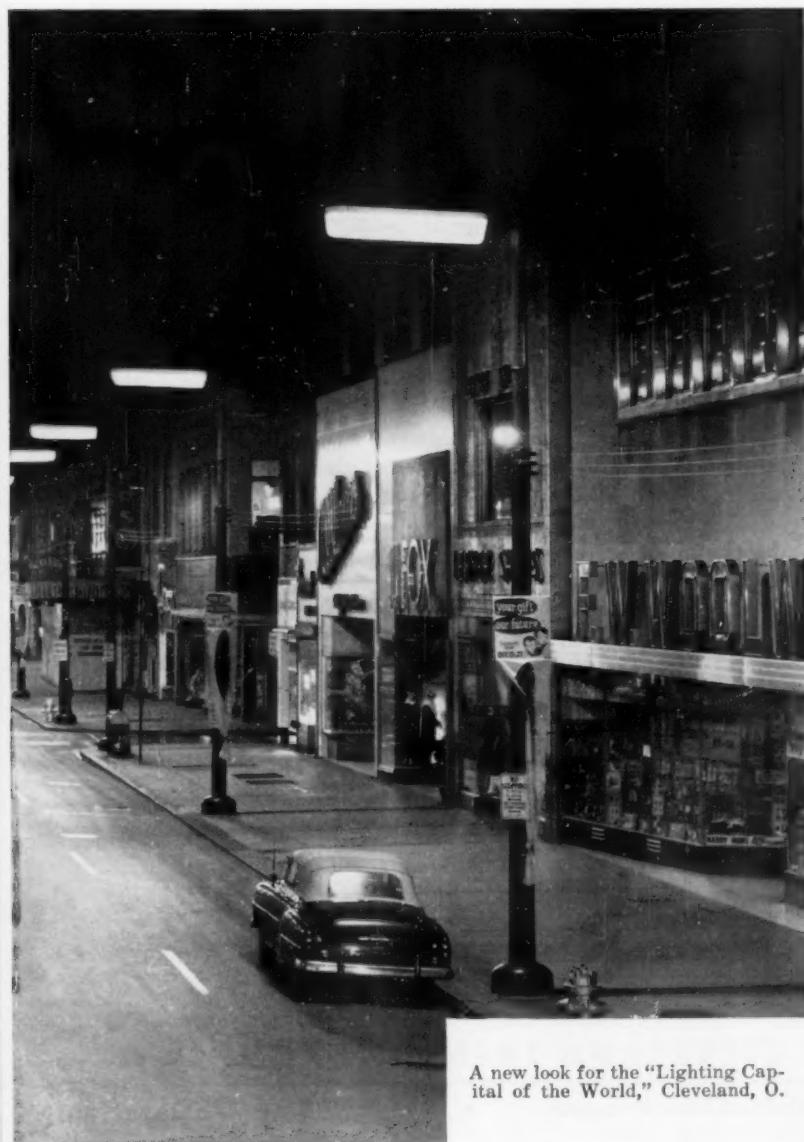
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● STORM DRAINAGE is needed in built-up areas to prevent property damage, but few property owners can afford to pay the cost for big pipe like these.

DURING the last few years a steadily increasing pressure has been placed on the Montgomery County (Md.) Council to revise that part of the Road Code which relates to front-foot benefit charges. The Road Code calls for the full cost of new street, sidewalk and storm drainage construction to be borne on a front-footage basis by the owners of property which abuts the improvement. The only restriction on this provision is the requirement that the amount of the assessment shall not exceed the value of the improvement to the property.

However, as a practical matter, County authorities are not concerned about the special assessment charges which fall far short of exceeding this limitation. It is simply the higher - than - normal charges which give County officials their headaches. In this respect the County has many a municipal fellow-sufferer. Conversations with municipal colleagues in the State of Ohio have convinced me that there is a great correlation between high street assessments and high blood pressure in municipal officialdom. Certainly there are few pursuits more thankless than that of assessing storm sewer costs.

Because the problem is in rather acute form in growing Montgomery County, my remarks shall refer to that area in specific; but the gen-

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JEPHTHA J. CARRELL

*City Manager, Xenia, Ohio*

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eral discussion is applicable in hundreds of cities and counties.

The average front-foot benefit project in Montgomery County consists of street construction to a width of 26 feet, curb and gutter, sidewalk construction and the installation of a nominal amount of storm drainage. The assessable cost per front foot for this "normal" case runs to about twelve or fifteen dollars. Let us take the case, now, where the need for heavy grading, major storm drains, etc., runs the cost up to about \$35 per assessable foot along residential property. What are the alternatives open to the council?

1. The whole project can, of course, be dropped, in which case there would be no charge. This is frequently done, especially when the abutting owners oppose the project. This alternative does not, of course, meet the problem at all.

2. The full cost of the project can be assessed without submitting to the protests of those affected. This comes no closer to a solution of the problem than does alternative 1. A heavy assessment is made no less burdensome by the fact that it is legally levied and is done in the public interest.

3. Through revision of the county Road Code, all costs could be borne by the general taxpayer. It would

be difficult to justify an expenditure from general tax monies which affected only a part of one subdivision. To take an extreme case, construction of a one-block stretch of street which did not serve through-traffic could hardly be called a project in the public interest. The same argument applies with similar, if less weight to nearly all of the street projects in sprawling 526-square-mile Montgomery County.

4. A completely different method of assessing costs could be employed. For example, instead of assessing on a front-foot basis, a square-foot basis could be used. Or nearby properties which did not abut the improvement might be assessed at a rate which would vary inversely with the distance of the property from the construction. The desirability of a completely different method of assessment can be debated endlessly. However, the leading arguments in favor of the present front-foot system are formidable, making it unlikely that such a change will issue. The present system provides a simple, clear, reasonably equitable method of distributing costs. There is not space here to cite the opposing arguments in detail, but one could stand on the position that the greater equi-

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● DEVELOPMENT along a road like this soon results in requests for curb and gutter, sidewalks, adequate drainage and better streets; and someone has to pay.

ability of other methods is questionable, and that the advantage of simplicity and clarity offered by the front-foot method is considerable.

5. The present system could be followed with the exception that the general taxpayer would assume the costs of installing storm drainage. Because heavy or difficult storm drainage construction accounts in almost every case for exceptionally high assessment charges, this proposal has a good deal of merit. By eliminating storm drainage construction from the assessable costs, unusual burdens on abutting owners would be virtually at an end. While there is some justification in spreading the costs of installing large-diameter storm drains, one might legitimately raise the question as to whether the general taxpayer properly should bear these costs. Of course, these might be assessed against the (surveyed) drainage area rather than against the general taxpayer, but the costs of such a system would be difficult to justify. There are a number of subalternatives on this point. For example, some communities assess against the abutting properties only those storm drains which are less than a certain specified diameter.

6. A flat figure per assessable foot could be set for each type of improvement: street construction "X" dollars per assessable foot, storm sewers "Y" dollars per assessable foot, etc. This suggestion has much to commend it. There would never be any doubt in the mind of the abutting property owner about the cost of the improvement. Unfore-

seen difficulties or changes in the cost of materials would not change the estimated cost per assessable foot, an estimate now provided for the owner to enable him to determine whether he is for or against the improvement.

The considerable time and expense of drawing up assessment ordinances setting the charges for completed projects could be saved. In Montgomery County the preparation of such an ordinance for the "average" project requires approximately three weeks of work by an experienced engineer, and engineers are scarce commodities at the salaries municipalities are paying. If

there were initiated no more than twenty projects the expenditure of engineering time would equal more than one man-year.

Standard charges do, of course, have their drawbacks. The standard would be determined, presumably, by using the average cost of a particular improvement, based on the experience of the previous year or two. In the case of those projects in which the actual cost of the improvement far exceeded the standard there would be no objection to the flat figure. It takes little imagination, however, to picture the protests of assessed parties where the actual costs ran well below the standard charge! In fact this raises a legal "gimmick" which weakens an otherwise sound procedure. If the charge is greater than the cost of the project, then the flat figure would not be legal, even though the benefit were greater than the charge. If the flat figure were set low enough to apply safely in all cases, then this system would merely be a variant of alternative 3 above.

7. The cost of the improvement could be assessed up to a maximum charge per assessable foot, with the general taxpayer bearing the remaining expense. This is a practical, down-to-earth compromise between the spirit of the present Road Code and the unwillingness of the property owner to pay heavy charges. It is at once a recognition of the merits of front-foot benefit assessments as a means of meeting construction costs, and of the inequity of some excessively heavy charges. The general taxpayer would foot



● COSTLY AS good drainage facilities may be, lack of them can become vastly more expensive. Here is a sample of what can happen when storm drains are inadequate.

the bill for costs above a certain amount, but this is consistent with one of the fundamental tenets of democracy, that the majority should lean over backward to be fair to minorities.

8. Road improvement districts could be created. The pros and cons of this approach have been debated for years in connection with all types of civic improvements. In Montgomery County the growth in population is so rapid and so well distributed for the most part, that the logical boundaries for such a

district or districts would include over half of the county. This is an entirely feasible approach, but one which might well be avoided for reasons of principle. The multiplication of governmental units increases the complexity of government and provides somewhat dubious advantages in achieving equitable sharing of costs.

For Montgomery County it seems that the best choice, in the event of a change in the present system, lies either in the maximum charge, or in the general taxpayer assum-

ing the costs of installing storm drainage. The decision will be of great importance to the county and its citizens for Montgomery County is continuing the rapid growth which changed it from a population of 168,000 in 1950 to an estimated 250,000 at present, and caused the construction of over 33 miles of roads in 1952 alone. Streets must be constructed. As in many other communities, the manner in which the construction is paid for will have a profound effect on individual property owners and the public purse.

## ***High and Low Rate Filters PROVIDE EXCELLENT EFFLUENT***

LESTER LEE, President, Hitchcock & Estabrook, Consulting Engineers

TO SERVE a population of about 5,000 and to provide treatment also for industrial wastes that bring the total population equivalent to 10,500, Wadena, Minn., has constructed a modern sewage treatment plant, utilizing both high rate and low rate filters to produce an effluent of about 20 ppm BOD.

This is a progressive community as may be noted from the fact that it constructed a sewage treatment plant in 1925.

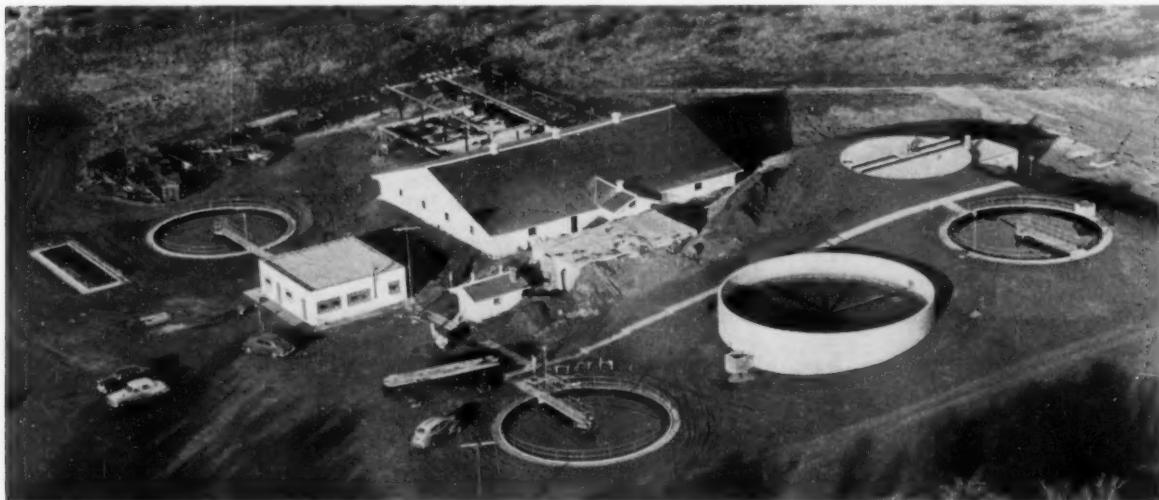
This original plant consisted of a wet well, sewage pumps, Imhoff

tank, trickling filter, final clarifier, and sludge drying beds. As the community grew, the treatment plant became overloaded and in the spring of 1946 a report together with recommendations for improvements was made to the Council. The Council began setting aside funds for these improvements so that, over a period of years, cash would be available for a modern treatment plant.

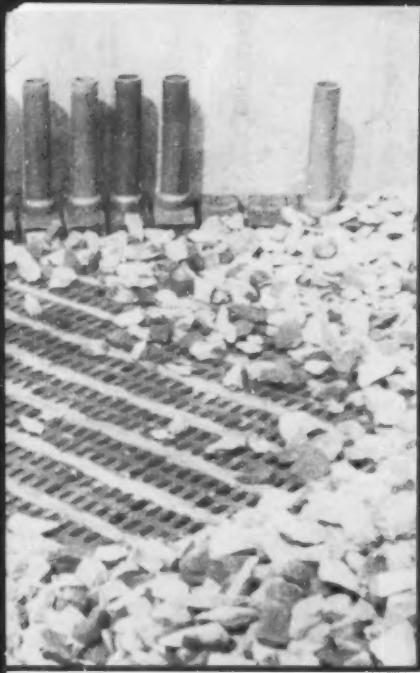
In the meantime the members of the Council spent a considerable amount of time in study of treatment processes and visited quite a

number of treatment plants. Hence, when the time came to proceed with detailed plans, they were in position to make intelligent decisions as to policy in connection with the design of the project. The decision was made in 1954 to proceed with plans and specifications for a modern bio-filter plant, using the old trickling filter as a finishing filter, and the old Imhoff tank as a secondary digester. Subsequently, plans were completed and approved by The State Department of Health. Bids were taken and the project was placed under contract in the spring of 1955.

Raw sewage enters the new plant



• **HANDLING** both domestic sewage and industrial waste, this modern treatment plant produces an effluent of about 20 ppm.



• FILTER block underdrains were installed to insure best results.

through a comminutor and mechanically cleaned grit chamber, and flows thence by gravity to a wet well. It is then pumped to a circular clarifier, 40 ft. in diameter with 7-ft. swd where 1 2/3 hours detention is provided for the design flow of 630 gpm. There are three non-clog raw sewage pumps; two have a capacity of 900 gpm. each and the third a capacity of 300 gpm. The automatic controls are so set that the 900 gpm. pumps operate alternately; and in case the total flow, including continuous sludge removal from the intermediate clarifier, exceeds 900 gpm., the 300 gpm. pump starts. In case the flow exceeds 1200 gpm., an overflow line has been provided to by-pass the plant with the excess flow. Sewage flows by gravity from the primary clarifier to a high rate filter, 58 feet in diameter and thence into an intermediate clarifier 40 feet in diameter.

Sludge is removed from the intermediate clarifier, continuously through a float controlled valve, into wet well No 1 at an average rate of about 245 gpm. During extreme flows this valve will close entirely, but flows in excess of 1200 gpm. are not expected to occur for some period of years and then for very short periods only. This valve is adjustable in order to control the flow and as the flow of raw sewage increases, the valve closes, thereby reducing the pumping load. At such time as raw sewage flows increase greatly, the increase is due largely to ground water infiltration and the strength of the sewage is re-

duced. Due to this reduction in sewage strength, the amount of recirculation needed for proper treatment is proportionally reduced.

The effluent from the intermediate clarifier flows into wet well No.2 and a portion is pumped from there to the old standard rate filter at the rate of 630 gpm., while another portion is pumped to a head box ahead of the high rate filter. Two recirculation pumps are provided, each having a capacity of 265 gpm., and one of these pumps is in operation at all times. The second pump is provided for alternate service and both are manually controlled. A third pump has been provided to take care of overloads and for standby service. These three pumps are equipped with float controls and automatic alternators, so installed that only two pumps will operate at any given time. In case two pumps cannot handle the load, an overflow from the wet well has been provided to handle the excess.

Sewage flows by gravity from the finishing filter to a final clarifier and then to a chlorine contact tank for 20-minute detention; thence it is discharged through a tile line to a small stream. Sludge is removed continuously from the final clarifier, by gravity to wet well No. 1 at the rate of about 10 to 15 gpm. Flow is controlled manually, by a gate valve near the clarifier which permits periodic flushing of the line.

The new fixed cover digester is 40 feet in diameter and is designed for about four cubic feet per capita. It is banked with earth fill and the roof has two inches of rigid insulation. A separate digester control building, adjacent to the digester, houses the two sludge pumps and the heating equipment. Two boilers were installed, one of which is equipped with a burner to utilize the sewage gas and the other with an oil burner for emergency service.

Sludge in the digester is heated by a separate heat exchanger, located in the digester control building. A small pump, with thermostatic control, pumps the sludge through the heat exchanger, providing additional mixing of the liquid in the digester to aid the digestion process. Temperature of the digester is thermostatically controlled at 90° F. Overflow from the digester goes by gravity to a large holding tank or secondary digester. This structure is the old Imhoff tank which was found to be in sound condition. The superstructure and baffles were removed and a flat slab was placed over the top together with a gas collection chamber. A copper dam

was installed in the concrete, to make the installation gas-tight. Gas is piped to the new digester where it enters the gas utilization equipment.

Sludge from the holding tank flows by gravity to a tank truck and is hauled away for fertilizer. The idea of using digested sludge without de-watering is fairly new and appears to be an excellent method of disposal at minimum cost. The sludge at Wadena is being used almost entirely on the municipal airport but we understand that a number of farmers are anxious to obtain the material. The old sludge drying beds are in good condition and may be used if necessary.

The pumphouse for the old plant was very small and is now being used to house the chlorination equipment. Facilities have been provided to permit the application of chlorine in wet well No. 1, as well as in the chlorination contact tank. It is expected that about 10 ppm. will be required.

The new main control building is equipped with laboratory, garage, shower room and toilet facilities. All electrical equipment is controlled from a central panel located in this building. Red indicator lights on the panel show at a glance exactly which pieces of equipment are in operation.

The plant is located quite a distance from the public water system; hence a four inch well was drilled to provide an adequate water supply at the plant. This resulted in a substantial saving of money as compared to the cost of bringing in water-main extensions. A submersible type pump was used and the pressure tank is in the main control building. In order to prevent any possible contamination of the potable water system, a separate pressure system was also installed to service hose lines and the chlorinator. Pressure tanks each have a capacity of 50 gallons.

The main control building is heated with hot - water unit heaters which are supplied with hot water from the boilers in the digester building. All heating lines are installed underground and are insulated. Thermostatic controls, with hot-water circulating pumps were provided.

All work was performed by general contract by Barbarossa & Sons, Inc. of St. Cloud, Minnesota. The total contract price was \$240,800. Work was started in May and completed in October, 1955.

The major items salvaged from the old plant are the standard rate trickling filter, which is completely

housed and the old Imhoff tank which is being utilized as a secondary digester. This filter is 70 feet x 86 feet with 9 feet of filter media. The Imhoff tank is 42 feet x 20 feet with 20-ft. sidewater depth.

Equipment for the digester, including gas collection equipment, and for all three clarifiers, was furnished by Dorr-Oliver. The new sludge pump was furnished by Carter and the old sludge pump was re-installed for standby service. Piping is so arranged that the operator may use either pump. The old pump is in good condition and should give years of service for standby use.

Grit removal equipment was furnished by Chain Belt Company. Washed grit will be used for fill around the plant site. Raw sewage pumps are non-clog type and were furnished by Fairbanks-Morse; and

the controls by Healy-Ruff Company. Electrical Control Panel was furnished by Square "D" Company and electrical work was by Komula Electric Company of Wadena.

Parshall flume for measuring the raw sewage flow was furnished by Thompson Manufacturing Company of Denver. It is of sheet metal grouted in concrete. At such time as the sheet metal corrodes, it will be removed, leaving the concrete flume in place. The flow recorder was furnished by Brown Instrument Division of Minneapolis-Honeywell Corporation and the comminutor by Chicago Pump Company.

Both water systems were furnished by Fairbanks-Morse. These provide for 15 gallons per minute in each of the two systems, with automatic pressure switches on each tank. Tanks are of adequate size to pre-

vent undue starting and stopping of the pumps.

In case of a power failure, sewage will overflow at a manhole, ahead of the plant, through a by-pass line, thereby avoiding any possibility of flooding the plant.

The plant is designed to provide an effluent of about 20 ppm BOD with 98% removal of settleable solids.

The plant is operating very efficiently and even in this climate with temperatures to 30 below zero, there has been little or no trouble with ice, even though all of the clarifiers and the filter were constructed without roofs, permitting a substantial saving in construction costs and a further saving in maintenance costs.

Fencing and seeding will be completed this spring by the regular village employees and are not included in the contract price.

## DIESEL DRIVEN PUMPS

### Reduce Operating Costs

SOON AFTER THE end of World War II, the 54-year old water supply system of Greensboro, N. C., began to show signs of lagging behind the demands of an increased population and industry. Population inside the city increased from 63,000 in 1944 to 81,000 in 1954, and the suburban growth was even more impressive. In two steps, the first taken in 1948 and the second in 1953, the system's five outmoded steam turbine-driven pumps, installed at two pumping stations, were replaced with four Fairbanks-Morse diesel driven units, thereby increasing the capacity of the two pumping stations by 26.5 mgd. and 29 mgd. Between 1947 and 1955, 60 miles of new mains and distribution lines, ranging in size from 6-in. to 30-in., were laid and a new 1½ mg. capacity elevated tank was constructed to raise and stabilize pressures throughout the system.

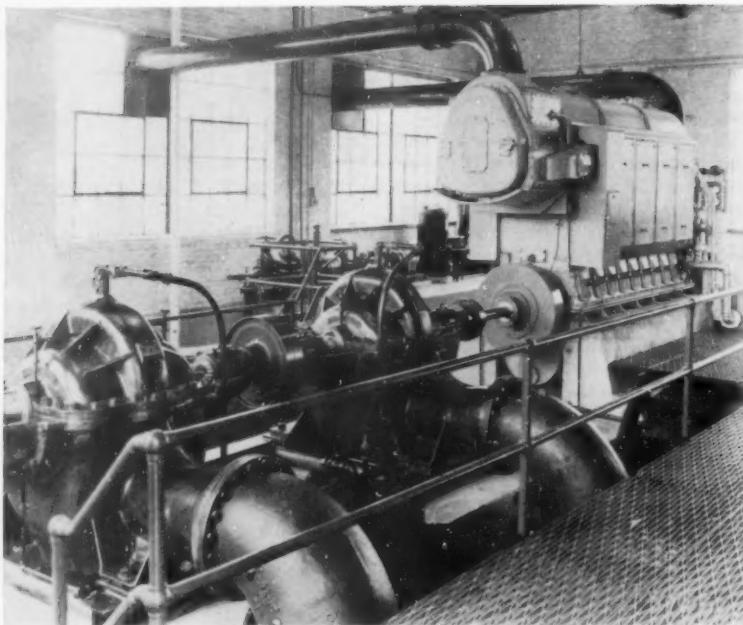
To date, the city's water department has spent almost \$2,500,000 in expanding facilities; about \$2,000,000

has gone into the distribution system and \$500,000 into the supply system. Before the current program is completed, an additional \$2,750,000 is expected to be spent to expand the filtration plant to a capacity of 20 mgd.; complete a new raw water line from the reservoir to the filtration plant; add new mains into outlying districts; and provide additional raw water supply and elevated storage. Between 1940 and 1947, when the program first got underway, the average demand for water in Greensboro jumped from 5.3 mgd. to 7.9 mgd., with peaks exceeding 10 mgd. This placed a heavy load on the system, particularly on the five steam-driven pumps which had been in service for from 20 to 26 years. The city's 800-million-gallon reservoir, meanwhile, could supply only 11.5 mgd. during dry spells and the filtration plant was limited in capacity to 12 mgd.

The installation of four new diesel-driven pumps, ranging in capacity from 11.5 mgd. to 20 mgd., improved

the situation, but bottlenecks still existed at the reservoir and the filtration plant. The demand last year reached an average of 10.2 mgd. and for the first time peaks exceeded 13 mgd. For periods of several days in 1953 and 1954 the demand actually surpassed the output of the system's filtration plant and the city had to call upon its pure-water storage to see it through. Even this, however, was not enough during the long drought of the late summer and early fall in 1954 when virtually no rain fell for two months and the city had to resort to rationing in order to preserve essential services. The 6½ inches of rain which accompanied Hurricane Hazel filled the reservoir and restored normal service—but the city was still faced with an average demand that was only 1.8 mgd. below the peak capacity of its filtration plant and 1.3 mgd. below the dry-spell capacity of its only reservoir.

Since the installation of the new pumps at the Reedy Fork pumping station, which draws raw water from



● DIESEL driven pumping unit shown here is latest to be installed. The 1280-hp unit, one of four, drives two 20-inch centrifugals. Capacity is 20 mgd at 305 ft.

the reservoir and sends it to the filtration plant; and at the City pumping station, which draws filtered water from storage and sends it through the distribution system, over-all operating costs at both stations have been reduced by an average of 55.7 percent. This includes the costs of fuel, maintenance and labor, and in the fiscal year 1953-1954 amounted to a gross saving of \$46,372. Since the water supply system is operated under the city's Public Service Department on a self-sustaining basis, all revenues over and above operating costs are transferred to the system's construction fund. As a result, the money already saved by the new diesel equipment, as well as all subsequent savings, will be used to help pay for future expansions. This will aid local water consumers directly by lightening the cost of water burden and will also aid them indirectly by supplying the additional water capacity needed to continue the current city growth trend. Additional dividends include a substantial capital investment saving, made possible by installing compact diesel-driven equipment and the restraining effect an increased water supply will have on local fire insurance rates.

The first of the four new diesel-driven pumps installed was a 16-in. F-M single-stage, double-suction, split-case, horizontal, centrifugal pump driven by a 450-hp., 6-cylinder diesel engine. This new medium-head high-capacity unit was placed in op-

eration at the Reedy Fork station and increased the rating of the station from less than 15 mgd. to 20 mgd. Rated at 12 mgd. at a TDH of 156 ft. the new pump replaced a pair of 27-year old 6-mgd. horizontal pumps, series connected and driven by a single low-pressure turbine. From the day it went into operation, the new unit has been operated at constant speed and delivery and has been assigned as the station's base load unit. As a standby, the department retained the second of the two

steam-driven units installed at Reedy Fork, rated at 9 mgd and originally acquired in 1926. This unit has not been used.

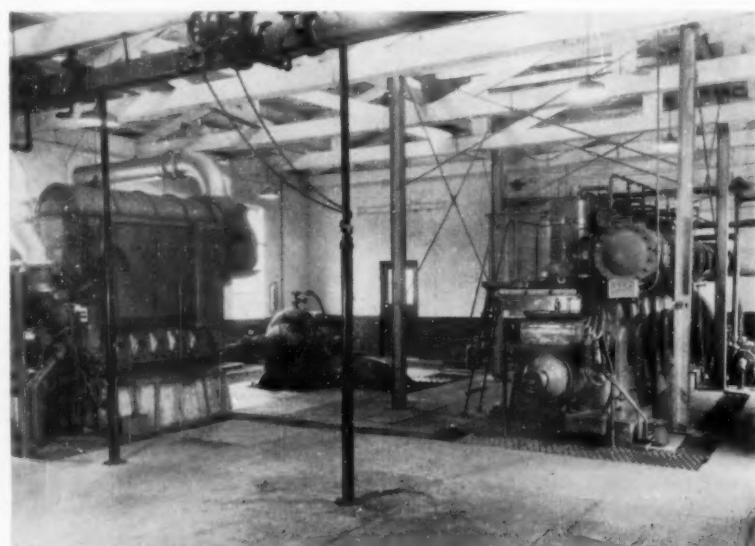
The second of the new diesel-driven pumping units, installed at the City Station, consists of a pair of 14-in. single-stage, double-suction, split-case, horizontal, centrifugal pumps series-connected and driven by an 805 hp., 300 rpm., 7-cylinder diesel engine. This addition permitted the department to retire three 9-mgd. steam - turbine - driven pumps to standby duty. The City Station pumping unit, rated at 11.5 mgd. at a TDH of 305 ft., is driven through a speed-increasing gear of 3.92:1 ratio at variable speeds up to 1176 rpm.

The third of the new diesel-driven units is a 20-in., single-stage, double-suction unit driven directly through a flexible coupling by a 640-hp., 720 rpm., 4-cylinder, F.M opposed-piston diesel engine. Rated at 17 mgd. at a discharge head of 156 ft., it brought the capacity of the Reedy Fork station up to 38 mgd., including the 9 mgd. standby pump.

The fourth pumping unit consists of two series-connected 20-in., centrifugal pumps driven directly through flexible couplings by a 1280-hp., 720 rpm., opposed-piston diesel. It is rated at 20 mgd. at a TDH of 305 ft.

Together these two diesel pumps have increased the City station's capacity to 53.5 mgd. including the 27 mgd. standby.

W. M. Lybrook is the Director of Public Service and N. L. Mitchell is the Superintendent of Pumping Stations at Greensboro, N. C.



● REEDY Fork pumping station, interior view. Unit at left, 640-hp, is rated at 17 mgd. Engine at right drives pumps with capacity of 12 mgd. Both operate at 156-ft.



## PARKING LOT

A NEW MUNICIPAL parking area, built at a total cost of \$4,188,750, including \$1,165,000 for land acquisition, was recently opened in Jacksonville, Florida. It fronts on the St. Johns River, adjacent to the central business area, straddling the north approach to the Main Street bridge, over which flows a large volume of local traffic plus tourist traffic from several arterial highways. The area is rectangular in shape, about 400 ft. north-south and 1600 ft. east-west, or about two blocks in each direction from the bridge. It is built to accommodate 1,184 automobiles, but it serves a dual purpose as it beautifies a waterfront area that had become an eyesore.

Financing of the parking facility was achieved by issuance of \$4,000,000 in 30-year revenue certificates; the remainder of the cost was provided out of available funds. The bonds are backed by receipts from parking, plus receipts from parking meters elsewhere in the city as long as may be necessary. The City Commission estimates it may be three or four years before the parking facility alone will produce enough revenue for debt service and maintenance. Traffic consultants estimated prior to construction that parking fees in the first year would total \$182,500. One section of the facility with 675 stalls was opened in December, but the remainder was not opened until March. The new lot has greatly relieved a serious shortage of off-street parking in Jacksonville.

In constructing the facility the City of Jacksonville acquired 17½ acres of new municipal property. Most of the area lay under water in the St. Johns River beyond the existing shore line, which was 400 ft. from the pierhead and bulkhead line established by U.S. Army En-

## *Beautifies the City*

C. E. WRIGHT

gineers. A sand fill dredged from the bottom of the river near the center channel was dumped from hopper-bottom scows on the underwater portion of the site, replacing a soft muck and silt that had to be removed to insure a stable foundation for the parking area. The muck and silt covered the bottom to depths of 2 to 15 ft.

Around the entire area a concrete capped sheet steel piling bulkhead was constructed including returns to high ground on the east and west ends of the site. A conventional sheet steel piling bulkhead wall with steel wales, tie rods and steel tie-backs was used. The area was crowned to permit runoff. A flexible type paving was put down

first to minimize maintenance due to fill subsidence after construction, but subsidence was virtually nil so a permanent type paving was laid over the flexible paving before the facility was turned over to the city.

Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall & Macdonald of New York were traffic and layout consultants for the city's fiscal agents, Pierce, Garrison & Wulbern, Jacksonville. Reynolds, Smith & Hills of Jacksonville were the designing and supervising engineers and were represented on the job by C. L. Lash as project engineer. The Duval Engineering & Contracting Co., Jacksonville, did the work.

Parking fees being charged are 25 cents for the first hour plus five cents an hour for each additional hour up to a maximum of 75 cents. The monthly fee is \$10.



● MUNICIPAL PARKING AREA in Jacksonville, Florida, provides space for 1,184 cars and relieves a serious shortage of off-street parking space in the central business area. Much of the 15-acre lot was built on fill within the bulkhead line.

# ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

FRED M. SEGUIN

THE IMPROVEMENT of alleys with concrete pavement can be as exacting as any paving project from a planning and supervision standpoint. Let's take a look at some of the complications, pitfalls, and troubles encountered by the men charged with the responsibility of getting the job done right.

In general there are two types of alleys. One is the straight-through alley—from one street to another. The other is the "T" type alley, having two throughways joining each other at approximately 90°, within the block. A variation of the "T" alley is the "H" alley which presents complications similar to those of the "T" type.

In most communities the cross section of alley pavements is typified by an inverted crown. This design is dictated by the fact that ditches are impractical and undesirable along alleyways. The drainage is carried in the center of the pavement rather than along the edge. This factor, in combination with small differentials in elevations, the desirability of meeting existing garage and entrance grades; and then, in the case of "T" alleys, synchronizing two sets of grades, is what makes alley design difficult.

Taking the processes of getting the job done in their usual sequence, we will start with the field work which proceeds essentially according to the following outline:

1. Pre-survey preparation: Examination of all existing records of the area and notation of pertinent features.

2. Field survey: a. Running in the centerlines; b. topographical sketches; c. cross sections; and d. special notations.

To elaborate on the above outline let's see what is typical of alley paving surveys and what features are usually involved.

A thorough examination of the records for the evidence and location of manholes, catch basins, culverts, sewers, water and gas lines, etc., and proper notations thereof, before starting the survey, will assure getting all the necessary information the first time out. If this

is not done prior to the field work, it is invariably found necessary to return later for additional data. It is very common to find manholes and culvert entrances completely buried and without the records they would be missed entirely during the field survey.

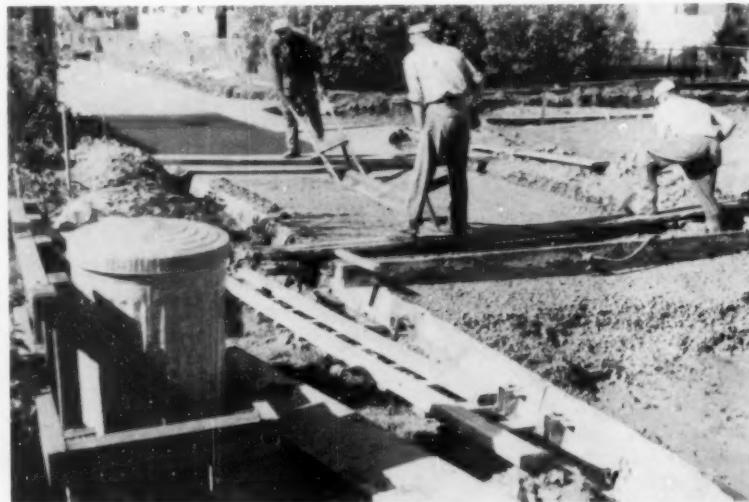
On the site, the centerlines are run in and permanent end points set beyond the limits of the work so that

the alignment can be re-established quickly during construction. These are usually hubs, or crosses chiseled in concrete. At this time, also, buried manholes, culverts, catch basins, etc., are uncovered so they can be picked up when topography is noted.

Next the topographical features are sketched on the field notes. At this time notes are made of the spe-



• INSPECTOR supervises the checking of the fine grading with a template. This procedure is one of the necessary steps if a first-class job is to be obtained.



• LONGITUDINAL bull float aids in getting a uniform surface and in preventing small water pockets in the surface of the alley paving after it has been cured.

# NEED ENGINEERING

cial conditions that require elevations when the cross sections are taken. These may include garage entrances, ramps, abutting sidewalks, tops of adjacent building foundations and window sills, culvert entrances, manhole and catch basin covers and entrances.

Cross sections are then taken at a maximum of 50-foot intervals, with additional sections at breaks in

grade. Also full sections should be taken at centerlines and gutter lines of abutting streets, at cross walks, etc. Elevations of the special features noted above are also taken as the work progresses.

It should be emphasized at this time that elevations are the most critical requirement of survey work for alley improvements. Level shots should definitely be read to one

hundredth of a foot as it is occasionally found that the division of one tenth of a foot is all there is available in working out a grade. The quality of the levelling work must be of the highest throughout as often the whole plan must be synchronized against very small differentials in elevation. In fact getting a workable grade where it doesn't seem to be available is the most exacting part of designing alley pavements.

## On The Board

Alley pavements definitely rate formal plans—and not only because of letting requirements. There are far too many complexities in relation to contrasting grade demands, especially in the "T" type alley, and far too many taxpayers involved, to take a chance with on-the-spot designing. In other words these jobs are "loaded" with delicate balances that can be determined only by careful study.

About the first decision to be made is the slab design and subgrade treatment to be used. An investigation of standard sections used by several municipalities will turn up about as many designs. They vary from 6 ins. to 9 ins. in thickness, some with uniform depth and others with variations of thickened edges. Width may vary from 10 to 20 ft. Some have construction joints along the centerline and others are made in a single pour from one side to the other.

No effort will be made here to analyze or justify any particular slab or subgrade design. In residential areas a low cost 10-ft. slab may be justified. In business zones a slab spanning from one side of the alley right of way to the other may be dictated. However, I would like to point out some factors that may influence design of the slab.

I am personally in favor of slabs having a thickness on the generous side. The contractor's labor costs are increased very little and the increase in material costs is not great. However, the big reason behind this statement is lack of uniformity in concrete quality. Experience shows that ready-mix plant batching sometimes results in concrete strengths with variations approach-



● CONCRETE with 3-inch slump is readily workable by hand methods. Use of air-entrained cement is recommended. Slabs should have a thickness on the generous side.



● CHECKING the pitch across lateral joints is one of the jobs that requires diligent supervision. There are many ways to get into trouble if no engineer is at hand.

ing one hundred percent. Test cylinders tell an interesting story. The sad part of the story is that the answers come too late to be of any benefit to the job they come from.

It must be remembered that alley paving is municipal work and is handled by small staffs that are intermittently involved in many fields of municipal engineering. Seldom are laboratory set-ups available, and less frequently the personnel to operate them. This usually precludes close control of concrete batching. Whether voluntary control measures diligently observed by the ready-mix industry could be expected to result in more uniform concrete quality I am not in a position to say, although I suspect they would.

For essentially the same reasons I definitely recommend the use of a regular air entrained cement over air-entrainment by the additive method. Without proper inspector control at the batching plant, experience shows that an unacceptable variation in air-entrainment can easily occur when the latter method is used.

To get on with laying grades and otherwise designing the alley pavements, let us take note of the schematic drawings that point out some typical problems and locations requiring special care.

It will be noted on the profile of typical through-alley grades that the centerline grade theoretically can be a straight shot from the high point to the low point. However, it is evident that the form grade, representing the edge of the slab, does not parallel centerline grade at the ends. The reason for this is that the inverted crown has to be warped-in to meet relatively flat surfaces at the end. This can be a source of trouble in design depending on the method of grade computation. If the designer is not sufficiently aware of this problem he may wind up with a flat centerline at the ends.

On the typical cross section of alley pavement slabs it will be noticed that there are two lines, one dotted and one solid, representing the top surface of the concrete. The dotted line represents the theoretical section which is also the final contour when the slab is placed in two pours, with a construction joint on centerline. The dotted line also represents the template of the concrete strike-off board which is used when the slab is placed in one pour with no centerline joint. It should be appreciated that if the template of the strike-off is made to match the typical section shown on the

plans, the final contour of the slab will be as shown by the solid line in the case of the single pour. The reason for this is that the strike-off is moved back and forth and the top surface takes on a shape more nearly matching the solid line. The end effect of this working and settling of the plastic concrete is that the centerline is raised slightly from theoretical grade. On a 14-ft. slab with 2½-in. crown this can easily amount to ½ inch.

When meeting surface drainage openings it is always best to figure on sumping the covers slightly from the surface of the surrounding concrete to assure clean run-off. During the planning stages it isn't necessary to attempt setting definite grades as they can best be determined during construction by placing the strike-off board on the forms at the location of the cover. Usually an elevation differential of about 1 in. is found practical. It must be remembered that near centerline some raise can be expected with a single-pour slab, as pointed out above.

#### Drainage Requirements

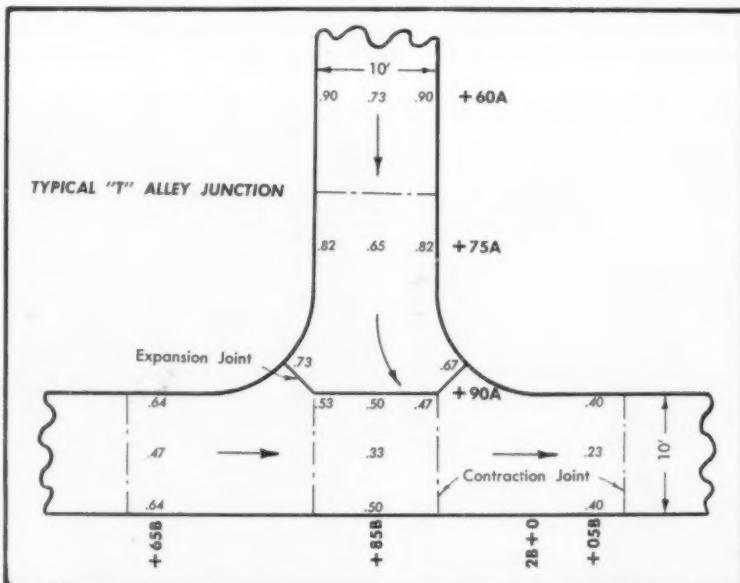
The drawing of a typical "T" alley junction shows what the writer considers to be minimum recommended grades or drainage pitches at such a junction. These are somewhat tricky to figure and warrant some study before the grades are finally set. In general it is desirable to increase the grade of the joining centerline for the last fifteen or twenty

feet if possible. Frequently the slope available to the designer is on the minimum side anyway and because of the difficulties of finishing such a junction all the breaks possible should be given to the finishers.

The job of laying grades is not the simple one of balancing yardage and connecting widely separated points of elevation such as highway engineers encounter. On preliminary examination the notes may show adequate grades available. Then as the plan evolves the designer finds himself plagued by low and high garage entrances and other abutting features that completely upset plans for favorable grades. Then comes the careful balancing of the profile to try to meet all conditions as favorably as possible. After many trials the designer comes up with what seems to him the practical solution. In most cases the result will be a balance of compromises.

The designer should try to keep his centerline grades on the plus side of 0.5 percent. However, this is not always possible. The writer has used grades as low as 0.35 percent with varying degrees of success depending on the ability of the finishers and inspectors. It must be remembered that this water conductor is above the ground for all to see and if one wants a clean looking job it is best not to flirt with sub-minimum grades.

I believe a word about forms is in order at this time. The contractor frequently has to borrow or rent forms from another contractor. Un-



• TYPICAL "T" ALLEY JUNCTION using a 10-ft. slab and 2-inch crown. The recommended grades to assure clean flow are shown. The text above gives hints on design.

less these forms are in very good condition it is very difficult to check them accurately for grade. The only way to assure good results on minimum alley grades is to insist on "as good as new" forms.

Sometimes due to a combination of poor grades and slight settlement of the slab as it sets up, small sumps or water traps are formed. These would not be noticed on a street having an upright crown but they show up like a sore thumb on inverted crown alley pavements. These are especially objectionable adjacent to houses with a fresh coat of white paint or where the alley slab warps into a crosswalk. In such places we have found it desirable to break out the old entrance and crosswalk, lowering their grades and carrying the inverted crown right through the crosswalk. This is one way to get out of a tight spot and pick up enough extra pitch to insure clean flow through the paved alley section.

#### Construction Supervision

Alley paving should have diligent supervision. There are many ways for the job to get into trouble if an inspecting engineer is not on hand at all times to work with the contractor. It is entirely possible that the low bidding contractor has never been on alley paving work before. If not he has a few things to learn and probably the most important is that his finishers have to know their stuff.

We will begin with the staking crew landing on the job. Should they take their level datum from a Geodetic Bench Mark a block away with which the original levels may have been tied in? Experience shows that this can be a source of trouble as it has been observed that the elevation of crosswalks etc. that have to be met can change considerably from one season of the year to another—especially in the Northern Hemisphere. And remember that alley grades do not usually allow for errors in elevations that may amount to as much as 0.15 of a foot.

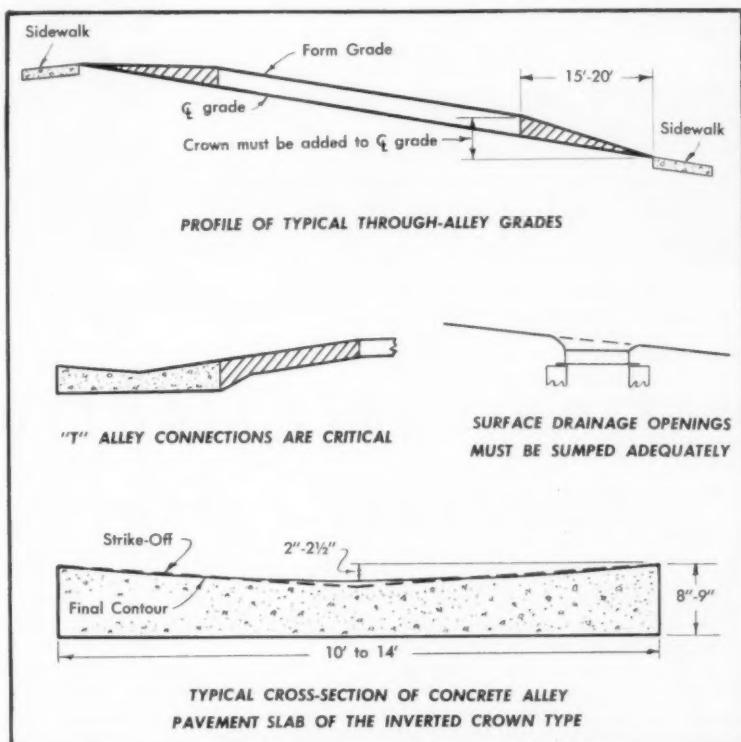
Before establishing level datum the staking engineer should compare elevation differentials at all vital points, such as at the ends and any intermediate connecting points, with those on the plans at those locations. Remember that there is little or no leeway here and the level net has to close!

Finding everything in order, the level datum should then be established from one of the points just checked, and the note book set up with that elevation as a bench mark.

Usually the centerline of an abutting street is a good choice for this point as it is off construction limits and will be available for blue tops and form grades after the grading has commenced.

grade and is a definite advantage to the contractor in realizing his yield from a load of concrete.

A longitudinal bull-float requirement may hike the price a mite but is well worth its fare as an aid in



CROSS-HATCHED areas in this drawing are those requiring extreme care in staking and finishing if the completed job is to be fully satisfactory. See opposite page.

It is sufficient to set grade stakes every fifty feet and at grade breaks. For 10-foot slabs we usually run one line of  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 24-in. rods on the inside of the form grade, centered 4'-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the centerline. These are put in with the tops set uniformly 3" above the form grade so that a string line can be attached and the forms set right up against the rods. With slabs wider than ten feet we run grade on both form lines because of the difficulty of leveling-over accurately.

Sometime during the staking procedure, preferably before form grades are set, the engineer should review and check each of the abutting features, such as garage entrances that had an influence on the design of the grade. If one situation is found that can be readjusted to advantage it will be well worth the trouble.

Tread runway boards should be laid in the ground area between the forms for the trucks to run on. This assures an undisturbed sub-

preventing those minute water pockets that show up after the first rain on minimum grades.

Now the engineer can be confident that he has done everything in his power to start the job off right so he is ready for concrete.

From here on out regular procedures for inspecting concrete work should prevail. A friendly and co-operative relationship between the engineers and contractor is a must. Small things should not be fussed over but it is almost certain that the engineer will have to have the finishers "touch up" in some of the critical areas shown on the schematic drawings. It is a rare finisher indeed that will "handcraft" some of these difficult warps to the desired standard on his own volition without some "moral support".

Dogs and small boys? The only offering I have on this is to have a watchman put on the job till after the slab has set up. The last contractor we had on alley paving did this of his own free-will.



● **UNIFORM LIGHT** on the playing field is provided by 576 floodlights at University of Texas' big Memorial Stadium.



● **GLARE IS AVOIDED** by mounting lights on 100-foot steel standards, placed in pairs at eight locations behind stands.

## NATION'S BEST LIGHTED FOOTBALL FIELD

**H**UGE Texas Memorial Stadium sprawls over a 13-acre portion of the University of Texas campus at Austin, Texas. It has a playing field 360 feet long and 160 feet wide, surrounded on three sides by stands capable of seating 65,500. With its new floodlighting system it far surpasses the minimum illumination levels used customarily in stadia of its size. In fact, only two ball parks—New York's Yankee Stadium and Briggs Field in Detroit—have more light. An average reading at Memorial Stadium registers 112 foot-candles, with the ratio of maximum to minimum footcandles being 1.72 to 1. Players see and handle a football with ease, while spectators watch in comfort from any part of the stands.

Because of the width of the stadium and sideline stands running parallel with the playing field, 100-foot poles were required to allow floodlights to be aimed at the field without causing glare to players or spectators. Sixteen Kerrigan Weldforged continuous tapered, corrosion resistant, low alloy steel standards were used. Eight floodlight locations cover the playing field. At each location two poles are used. These are based in concrete, footed against the stadium wall, and are designed to withstand winds of 100 miles per hour. Each pole top is equipped with six cross arms and two service platforms. Grouped in

rows of twelve along the cross arms are 72 Crouse-Hinds FLA floodlights.

Raising the 3½-ton steel poles into place required considerable advanced planning. To raise a pole vertically and steadily, lines were run from a gin-pole located at the top of the stadium and attached above the center of the pole. Hand lines and a winch truck were used to elevate the pole to the proper height and to jockey the base of the pole into position. Pole bases are square, measuring approximately 2 feet per side, and each fits onto four 10-foot anchor bolts.

Each pole supports two service platforms, which measure twenty-three feet long and five feet overall when aligned with the platforms of the adjacent pole. Pre-welded and cross-trussed, these platforms are bolted to the poles. To reach the platforms, one of each set of poles is equipped with conventional pole steps, allowing a service man to work on all seventy-two luminaires by climbing a pole only once.

Each of the 576 Crouse-Hinds floodlights has a corrosion-resistant aluminum base, slotted to allow at least a 90-degree swing of the light. Mounting bases are sealed for accurate aim settings. A steel trunnion bracket, heavily galvanized, permits the light to be turned over for easy inspection. Attached to the trunnion bracket is a pointer with a scale to

establish the vertical position of the light. By means of a repositioning stop, a light can be restored to its original position with ease and accuracy after cleaning or servicing. All floodlight lamps for the system, which operates at an over-voltage of 10 percent, are the PS-52, 1500-watt, 115-volt, mogul base type.

A switch room for the system was constructed in the north or closed end of the stadium. A 4160-volt power service with a capacity of 1500 KW was run into the room from the utility source. Four feeder oil circuit breakers control the 4160 volts to the pole transformers, hidden from view by the concrete piers. All conduit also is hidden from the view of the spectators approaching the structure and is protected by galvanized condulets.

The \$170,000.00 floodlighting job was designed and laid out by Carl J. Eckhardt, the University's Director of Physical Plant, and installed by Brown & Root, Inc., Houston contractors, in approximately four months from initiation to completion.



# CO-ORDINATION and TIMING SPEED SEWAGE TREATMENT

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**W**HAT SHOULD a manager do if he comes into a new city and finds a sewage disposal plant treating only 40 percent of the sewage and the state legislature about to adopt a stringent law concerning municipalities polluting rivers and streams?

That was the condition of Greeley, Colorado, when I took over the position of City Manager on March 1, 1954. The City Councils had been discussing the problem for several years but had failed to take any positive action in the matter. It was one of the first problems called to my attention upon arriving and was placed more forcefully when the Mayor and I attended a hearing before a state senate committee investigating river and stream pollution.

It was very obvious, after inspecting the system and discussing the matter with our own engineering staff, that some major trunk lines were needed to take sewage from over loaded lines and to provide for expansion of the City. The question was, how much or how many? For this reason, I recommended to the Council that we employ a consulting engineer to make a preliminary survey of the disposal plant needs and also sewer trunk line needs.

On May 18, 1954, the Council appointed a committee of three coun-



● REPORTS on preliminary studies, economic feasibility and the design details are all reviewed by Mr. Cruce.

cilmen to work with the City Manager and City Engineer to interview consulting engineers and to bring back a recommendation to the Council.

On July 13, 1954, the Council employed Ken R. White, consulting engineer from Denver to make the preliminary survey. Mr. White was asked to study and report on the following:

1. Existing sewage treatment plant capacity and efficiency;
2. Feasibility of providing sewage treatment facilities and sewer service to three neighboring towns;
3. The additional plant capacity required to accommodate the City's present needs and the neighboring incorporated areas;
4. The additional plant capacity required to accommodate the City's anticipated growth by 1975 (20 years hence);
5. Existing capacity and condition of existing sewer trunk lines;

6. The repairs and improvements necessary to keep existing sewer trunk lines operating;

7. The necessary trunk lines to provide sewage service to various areas presently outside the Greeley City limits but which are anticipated to be a part of Greeley by 1975;

8. Preparation of preliminary cost estimates for each phase set forth above;

9. Make recommendations as to rate schedule required to finance each of the phases set forth above.

Mr. White presented his report to the Council November 1, 1954. To finance the complete program which he outlined would require a bond issue of \$875,000.

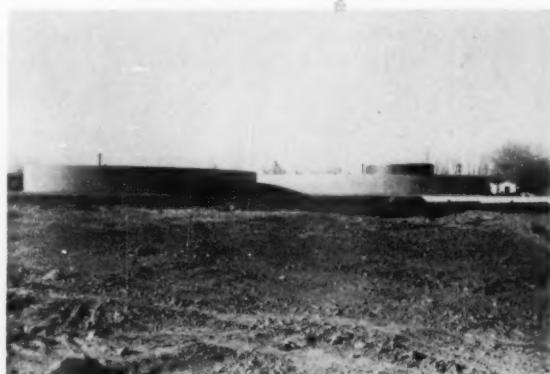
The Council then appointed a committee of nine businessmen to study Mr. White's recommendations along with the Council. After several meetings, it was decided that more study should be done in projecting population growth and determining proper rate schedules. Following this recommendation, the Council employed C. H. Hoper & Company, Denver, Colorado, to make a rate study and economic feasibility report of the proposed sanitary sewer system improvements as recommended by Mr. White.

The C. H. Hoper and Company were instructed to include in its report the following:

1. Study of the general economy of Greeley and of the Greeley area;
2. Past development of present Sanitary Sewer System;
3. Determination of the economic



● DECISIONS on the job. Resident Vern Nelson, right, checks on filter media with City Engineer George Fellows.



● RESULT of co-ordinated study, design and financing is needed construction underway at the earliest possible time.

feasibility of proposed improvements and a recommendation for the amount of bond issue required to finance the cost;

4. Determination of past revenues and expenses of the present sanitary sewer system;

5. Estimates of annual amounts required to pay all operating and maintenance expense and to service the proposed bond issue; and to make estimates for renewals and replacements of property and normal extensions of trunk lines;

6. Determination of rates for sewage service required to provide adequate revenues and designed to spread the cost equitably between different classes of users; and

7. Estimate future operations based upon adopting the proposed improvement program and operation under recommended rates.

At the same time, C. H. Hoper & Company was employed, the Council engaged Bosworth, Sullivan & Co., Inc., Denver, Colorado, as fiscal agents in connection with the proposed bond issue. By working closely with city officials and the City's consulting engineers, the bond prospectus was ready soon after the feasibility report.

To some extent, the work of C. H. Hoper and Company was a duplication of the work done by Mr. White. The Council, however, believed the additional expenditure and work necessary.

In addition to these studies, our own engineering staff, headed by George Fellows, registered engineer of Colorado and Iowa, was given the job of studying in more detail the sewer collecting system and to make a separate report. The report of Mr. Fellows was submitted to the Council on March 5, 1955, and the report of C. H. Hoper and Company on June 1, 1955. Each report came very close to confirming the finding contained in other reports although all were done independently.

After hearing the two latter reports, the Council decided to issue \$875,000 in revenue bonds for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Program.

It was unnecessary to call an election on these revenue bonds so on July 7, 1955, about one year from the start of the first study, bids were opened on the sale of the bonds.

The Council, however, had not been wasting time waiting for these final reports. Several preliminary oral reports were requested by the Council and again the council committee was instructed to work with the City Manager in interviewing consulting engineering firms to do

the design work on the proposed sewage treatment plant. On the recommendations of the committee and the City Manager, Harold Hoskins and Associates, Greeley, Colorado, were employed for the design work. The design work was so timed that bids for the construction of additional treatment plant and repair and remodeling of the old facilities were opened a few days before the sale of the bonds. The favorable bids received confirmed the several engineering estimates on that part of the projects.

It is believed by the council members that the co-ordination of all these reports and studies, having them done as much as possible simultaneously, as well as being able to get the design work under way before their completion, allowed the city to get the construction under way at least one year earlier than would have been the case if each report had been completed before starting the next one. A total of six reports were received from engineers and fiscal agents. Co-ordination and timing paid off.

## Investigation Conducted on Elevated Tank Failure

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THE COLLAPSE of the Horton Watersphere at New London, Minnesota, during February of this year has caused wide-spread discussions and inquiries to this office, as well as to the Village, as to the cause of the failure. Prominent engineers from all parts of the country have visited the site. The tank was erected by Chicago Bridge and Iron Company in the fall of 1954, and was in service about 17 months before the failure. At the time of the failure there was, of course, considerable snow on the ground and seven or eight feet of frost. It was not possible to determine the cause of the failure at that time. The frost being nearly gone, on April 23, we made a thorough investigation as to the possible cause of the failure.

We found that a water service connection had been installed to a near-by house late in the fall of 1955. We excavated down to this service line and found that at one

point the pipe was within five feet of the footings. We do not know, of course, the width of the trench but without question the ground was opened something less than five feet away from the footing. The soil at that point is extremely fine sand, probably passing 100 mesh sieve but also very sharp. There were also a few rocks the size of an orange or smaller.

While it perhaps would be difficult to prove from a legal point of view that the trench caused the failure, careful investigation on the part of our firm, as well as the engineers of Chicago Bridge and Iron Company, discloses no other probable cause. Footings were down eight and one-half feet and carried a load of less than 3,000 lbs. psf, plus wind pressure. At the time of the failure there was practically no wind. With a wind of 100 miles per hour the total load would still be less than 4,000 lbs. psf. The fact should be noted also that the concrete footings are not cracked at any place. The footing nearest the trench has settled about six inches. The footing furthest from the trench has raised about two and one-half feet.

The Chicago Bridge and Iron Company were deeply concerned about this failure and have shown complete cooperation with the Village and with the Engineers. Upon completion of the investigation the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company have been wholly absolved of all responsibility for the failure. However, as a gesture of good will and sound public relations, even though the guaranteed period had expired, the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company has voluntarily agreed to erect a new watersphere for the Village of New London, at no cost to the Village. This will be completed by the coming fall.



● PHOTOGRAPH taken shortly after failure of tank at New London, Minn.

# ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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WITH AN AREA of 39,893 square miles, Virginia measures 470 miles east and west and 196 miles north and south, ranging in elevation from sea level at the eastern coast to 5,719 feet at the top of Mount Rogers. The road system is in excess of 49,000 miles. It is easy to see that roadside development throughout the State differs greatly, one section from another. Climatic conditions vary from the mild temperatures of the southern Atlantic coast to the zero temperatures of the southwest mountain region. Because of this wide climatic variance across the State, there exists a wide range of native plant materials and many types of soils in which they grow.

The soils of Virginia may be classified under the following headings:

Coastal Plains  
Piedmont Plateau  
Blue Ridge Division  
Limestone Valley and Uplands  
Appalachian Mountains and  
Plateaus

The *Coastal Plains*, geologically speaking, is the youngest soil formation found in the State. This area extends from the Atlantic Coastline to the Fall Line which runs from Washington, D. C. through Richmond and Emporia. Throughout this region will be found rich marl deposits and, notably in the Dismal Swamp area, an accumulation of peat material.

In general, the soils of the *Coastal Plains* are the sandiest found anywhere in the State. However, there are large local areas where the underlying subsoil is rich in clay, giv-

ing it the characteristic of heavy plasticity.

On the basis of physical characteristics that affect turf growing, the soils may be grouped as follows: (1) Light colored well-drained soils; (2) Light colored poorly-drained soils; and (3) Dark colored poorly-drained soils.

In the flat wooded regions, the soils are predominantly poorly-drained, while in the northern section the land is gently rolling and much better drained.

Along the western part of the *Coastal Plain* the soils consist chiefly of greensand, sandstone, clay and shell marl. In addition to these, the soils of the eastern section contain fossils and sedimentary material.

The main characteristics of this soil are its ease of manipulation,



● CLOD-BUSTER consists of a long chain with spikes attached and one end weighted. It is used to condition slopes.



● HYDRAULIC seed and fertilizer spraying machine shown in operation. Application can be made to 75 ft. with 90 psi.



● MULCH blower with jets for asphalt application in operation. Asphalt must be thin enough to be applied as a mist.



● PERFECT job of roadside development in Virginia results from application of the principles outlined in this article.

high erodibility and porosity. When topsoil is available, the mean temperature of 58 degrees and an average annual rainfall of 45 inches make the establishment of turf relatively easy. However, the inability of many soils in this area to retain nutrients makes it necessary to supplement them with regular and heavy applications of fertilizers.

Although the top soil is sandy and highly erodible, drainage is the main problem in the Coastal Plain Area and not erosion. In local areas, however, where the land is rolling, erosion may become a problem of considerable importance. This condition arises because of the impermeable quality of the heavy clay subsoils.

The Piedmont Area contains the oldest soils found in the State. The soils within this area were derived from three distinct geological formations:

(1) Those derived from the acid rock groups (granite, gneiss, mica schist) and basic rocks (diorite gabbro, diabase). The most extensive, and most important, soils of this area are those derived from acidic rock.

(2) Slate-belt soils make up about three percent of this area. This is a finely textured soil which is high in silt.

(3) Triassic formations comprise about nine percent of the Piedmont soils and include brownish sandstone, red shale and some conglomerate.

In general, the texture of the soils of the Piedmont area may be classed as sandy loam, loam, silt loam, and clay loam. Although these soils were produced under a forest cover, moderate temperatures and heavy rainfall have prevented a buildup of the organic content. The soils are not frozen to any great depth, nor for very long periods during the winter months, therefore, active leaching continues throughout the greatest part of the year. This results in the accumulation of large quantities of soluble plant nutrients in the subsoil. Because of the texture of the topsoil and the climatic conditions of this area, an accumulation of lime in the topsoil is extremely rare, although calcium is present in the mineral composition of many of the underlying materials.

The effect of climatic factors on the soils of this area can be readily observed as one travels northward from the southern border of the State. In the northern part of the Piedmont the topsoil and the subsoil are both darker in color. This



● EROSION control was a problem before establishment of method for stabilizing slopes. Ditches were difficult to keep clean and shoulder area costly to maintain.

indicated less leaching of organic matter from the topsoil. Thus, the topsoils of this northern section have a greater organic content and contain more plant nutrients than do those of the southern section.

The soils of the *Blue Ridge Division* were developed from igneous and metamorphic rock. Unlike the Piedmont Area, the soils of the Blue Ridge Division are frozen for long periods during the winter and to a greater depth. This prevents the soluble plant nutrients from leaching out of the topsoil as rapidly as in the Piedmont Area. Because of the reduced leaching and the deeper freezing and thawing which occurs in the *Blue Ridge Area*, the soils are darker in color and more open and porous than those of the Piedmont.

The greater portion of the soils of this area have a highly absorptive surface and an open, porous nature which resists the tendency of erosion. Therefore, erosion in this section of the State is not so great a problem as it is in the Piedmont and some sections of the Coastal Plains.

The texture of most of the soils of this region is a fine sandy loam or loam. The surface color ranges from dark gray to brown. They are rather crumbly and quite productive. However, those soils whose parent material was shale and sandstone are inherently poor.

The average mean temperature of this area is 53 degrees, and the rainfall averages 45 inches annually.

The soils of the *Limestone Valley and Uplands* are derived from decomposed sedimentary rock consisting of limestone, shale, sandstone

and quartzite. The valley soils are mostly light in color, ranging from grayish yellow to brown in the surface soil and from brown, brownish yellow, yellow, yellowish red and brownish red to red in the subsoil. The texture is mainly loam and silt loam with fine sandy loam in some places. The topsoil is normally low in organic matter and plant nutrients because of the rapid leaching process. Although the majority of the *Limestone Valley and Uplands* soil is derived from limestone or materials high in carbonates, free carbonate of lime is generally lacking.

A heavy clay subsoil which prevents rapid absorption of water and a loose clay or loam surface make the soils of this area susceptible to erosion; in general these "limestone soils" are inherently fertile.

The soils of the *Appalachian Mountains and Plateaus* come from sedimentary origin, largely sandstone and shale with some limestone in places.

Nearly all the soils in the southern portion of this area are light in color, ranging from light gray to grayish yellow and light brown on the surface and yellow or brownish yellow in the subsoil. Although these soils have been developed under forest cover, the temperate climate has not been favorable for the accumulation of large amounts of organic matter. In the northern portion of the region the soils become somewhat browner in the surface and subsoil showing the effects of a colder climate.

The soil of the *Appalachian Mountains and Plateaus* are quite susceptible to erosion. This characteristic is particularly noticeable where culti-



● GRASSY bank, after erosion control has been accomplished, prevents flow of mud into ditch and reduces maintenance costs. Road shoulder is well maintained.

vation has been in practice on rolling and steep slopes and where adequate cover has not been maintained on pasture slopes.

#### Establishing Turf

Turfing is one of the major operations on the roadsides of Virginia. Grass, of all plant growth, is the most desirable on the areas immediately adjacent to the paved portion of the roadway. An established turf will thrive with a minimum amount of care and will withstand gross neglect for long periods of time. A good sod will prevent the influx of weeds and scrub plant growth which will, if allowed to thrive, be a hazard to motorists using the highway. Continuing research and experimentation are making it less and less of a problem to establish a good turf on the roadsides of Virginia.

The Virginia Department of Highways, in cooperation with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has set up test plots along highways to determine the value of various grasses under roadside conditions. The area for the plots is divided into two main sections—one for Fertilizer Experimentation and the other for Seed Experimentation. The area is further divided to determine the effect of lime in combination with the various seed mixtures and the different rates of application of fertilizers. Although these plots are relatively new, they have contributed a great deal toward establishing better turf on the roadsides.

Prior to the establishment of the Experimental Plots, seed mixtures used for the roadsides consisted of those grasses most likely to thrive in a particular location. This re-

sulted in a weak stand of one or two of the grasses used, for not enough seed of any one variety could be included in the mixture to produce a thick stand. The plots show exactly which of the grasses are best suited to each locality. Now the seed mixtures are made up of only those grasses which we know will thrive and thick stands are the results. The major grasses now used are Bluegrass in the western section, Kentucky 31 Fescue in the central section, and Bermuda Grass in the eastern section of the State.

The use of fertilizers has changed radically since the establishment of the test plots. It has been found that to get good turf, the soil must be supplemented with food if the grasses are to thrive. This has resulted in much heavier applications of fertilizers on our roadsides.

The use of lime is better understood as a result of its application on the plots. We have found that in many sections of the State where lime was applied, it was not needed and was a waste of time and money. In other sections we found that lime applications greatly enhanced turf establishment. The most startling discovery was that additional lime was needed in many areas where the soil came from limestone rock. This was due to the fact that, although lime is in the soil, it is in an insoluble form and the plant nutrients applied are not available until additional lime is added to break up the bonds in the soil. We are now applying lime where it is beneficial and omitting its application in areas where it is not needed.

It is the aim of the Landscape Division of the Virginia Department of

Highways and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to establish more of these plots until they are located in every section of the State. When this is accomplished, the major problems of turf establishment throughout the State will be solved.

The methods used for turfing throughout the State have been revolutionized by commercial and homemade equipment. Hand seeding is seldom, if ever, done.

#### Soil Preparation

On flat areas and gentle slopes, tractors are used to prepare the seed beds. The soil is scarified to a depth of several inches and is not smoothed over. When left in this roughened condition, the soil tends to retain more of its moisture, will not erode easily, will promote the growth of the grasses, and holds the mulch in place. Farm drills are rarely used for seeding on such areas. On very high cuts that cannot be reached by machinery, hand seeding is employed. However, this is seldom necessary. It has been found that laying a mulch by machinery is not only faster than doing it by hand but it results in a more uniform and closely knit cover over the soil.

There are a wide range of materials that may be used as mulches. However, because of the vast areas that have to be covered, it is uneconomical to use materials other than straw or spoiled hay. This is applied at the rate of approximately two tons to the acre. Although tobacco stems make a splendid mulch, the necessity of applying about five tons to the acre prevents its use over large areas. However, both sawdust and tobacco stems are excellent for use on seeded shoulders, (and are used in such locations) for they are less susceptible to being scattered by wind created by passing vehicles than is a straw mulch. The use of asphalt as a mulch has not been successful in this State and is not used.

After the mulch has been laid, seed and fertilizer are applied to the roadsides. This seemingly backward procedure has come about with the advent of the hydraulic seed and fertilizer spraying machine. This machine allows the seed and fertilizer to pass, in water, through the mulch to the soil. With the use of a mulch blower and the hydraulic seeder, slopes too steep for a man to walk on may be treated and covered with grass. By applying the mulch first, the seed and fertilizer are held in place where they hit. Washing of the seed is thus prevented and the

tops of the slopes develop a turf as well as the bottoms. A more uniform spread and a greater stand of grass are the results of this application method.

#### Major Equipment

The major equipment used for roadside development consists of tractors, hydraulic seed and fertilizer spraying machines and mulch blowers. The tractor is equipped with an over-head loader, cultivator, disc-harrow, fertilizer and grain drill, post-hole digger, and other common units for handling and cultivating soil.

The first hydraulic seed and fertilizer spraying machine used by the Virginia Department of Highways was designed by our Landscape Division and developed by the Equipment Division. The 1000-gallon tank is mounted on a suitable truck which, by power take-off from the drive shaft, propels a propeller-type agitator. This machine is equipped with a centrifugal pump driven by a gasoline motor capable of producing approximately 150 psi. The material is usually applied at 90 psi. and can be sprayed for a distance of about 75 feet, using an adjustable nozzle. Under average conditions, this equipment will seed and fertilize about one acre of land per hour. It can also be used during light rains and when the soil is wet, as no equipment touches the soil to cause packing or puddling.

Grass seed is usually applied at the rate of 80 pounds per acre. The fertilizer is applied at the rate of two pounds each of nitrogen, phosphate, and potash per thousand square feet of area. The amount of water and solids mixed at one time is in direct ratio to the size of the tank. This mechanized treatment has greatly reduced the cost of seeding the roadsides.

The mulch blowers are of various types. The first one used here was developed from an ensilage cutter by attaching a gasoline motor, removing some of the cutter blades and attaching a light pipe, which could be maneuvered vertically and horizontally, to distribute the mulch. Today, the mulch blower has been greatly improved, and we have purchased one of the commercial types. Through twin jets at the exhaust end of the blower pipe, cut-back asphalt or asphalt emulsion is applied with the mulch material. This tends to hold the straw in place on the ground. (About 200 gallons of asphalt can be carried on the blowing machine.) Although cut-back asphalt has been used satisfactorily,

it has been our experience that asphalt emulsion is easier to apply and a smaller quantity is required to cover the same area than the cut-back. It requires about fifty gallons of the emulsion per ton of straw mulch. No special type of asphalt

are too steep to be covered with grass. They cannot, however, be left bare. In these instances, some type of rapid growing vine must be used. Most often this is honeysuckle. To prepare the beds for the plants, trenches, about twelve inches wide and as deep, are dug across the face of the slope at an angle of approximately thirty degrees. These are back-filled with topsoil to which a small amount of fertilizer has been added. The plants are usually collected from an established plot. The tops of the plants to be moved are cut to the ground. The mat of roots in the soil are cut into strips or blocks in the manner of cutting sod. These strips or blocks are then placed in the prepared trench and, if the grade necessitates it, pegged into place. The space between the trenches, normally three feet, is mulched and then seeded with a mixture of Domestic Rye Grass and Korean Lespedeza.

Kudzu has been used on cut and fill slopes throughout the State. However, because of its rapid growth and difficulty of control, it is not recommended where other plant material may be used.

Through the years, Roadside Development Policies have changed many times. As road engineering changes, so must Roadside Planting. The two are never static. With the proposed Interstate System of Highway Design it became evident that Roadside Planting must be changed. A new policy was drawn up by the Landscape Division of the Virginia Department of Highways this past year to meet the proposed changes. In brief, the new Policy may be stated as follows:

is necessary as long as it is thin enough to be blown from the jets in a mist.

The Clod-Buster is a commercially built piece of equipment consisting of a long chain to which spikes are attached. One end is weighted and the other end is attached to a tractor. The chain is then pulled over the face of the cut or fill. It is used on those sections of the roadside where it is not feasible to use tractors, such as on steep cuts and fills. As the spikes are rotated over the face of the bank, the soil is stirred up, leaving a rough surface, and large clods of earth are broken up into small pieces. Shallow erosion scars are also filled in the process. This treatment leaves the cut or fill in condition to be mulched and seeded.

#### Steep Slopes

In many places along our roadsides, slopes are encountered which

(1) Trees are not to be planted on highways with less than 110-foot rights of way.

(2) Trees are not to be planted closer than 20 feet from the edge of pavement.

(3) No trees are to be planted in medians less than 50 feet wide. (This is necessary to meet (2) above.)

(4) Exceptions to the above three parts are allowed in urban areas where speed limits have been reduced and on many secondary roads that prohibit increased speeds.

(5) In all cases, a minimum sight distance of 1000 feet must be maintained at all intersections and cross-overs.

Editor's Note: Some of the more common plants used in Roadside Development in the State of Virginia have been listed by the author. They are omitted here but it is believed the list would be furnished by him to those who may have need for it.



# The MAGNETIC FLOW METER

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FOR EFFICIENT operation of the modern water or sewage treatment system there must be accurate measurement and precise control of flow. Nor is precision the only requirement. The method used must also be reliable. Equipment must be durable and require but little care. Functionally, it should possess certain fundamental hydraulic characteristics. Rigid as these requirements are, they are more nearly met by the Magnetic flow meter than by any device preceding it in the history of flow metering.

Although the instrument itself is new to the field, the principle of operation was described as long ago as 1887, the year Clemens Herschel developed the familiar Venturi tube. Fifty-five years before, the English physicist, Michael Faraday, made note of the principle of electromagnetic induction in his dairy. It was 1839 before he put it to test in his now famous Thames experiment. Placing two copper wires in the Thames River, and counting on assistance from the earth's magnetic field, he attempted to measure the flow of river water. The sensitivity of his voltmeter being somewhat less than he anticipated, the attempt did not succeed. However, the fact that the principle was carried to the experiment stage shows how much early thinking went into the proposition and how great was its influence on the development of the present instrument.

No further work of major importance was done on electromagnetic metering of flow until Smith & Sleppian developed their magnetic ship log, applying for a patent on the device in 1917. Since that time an impressive number of separate investigations has been carried on. These earlier attempts failed to solve the problem of providing high accuracy and wide range of sizes.

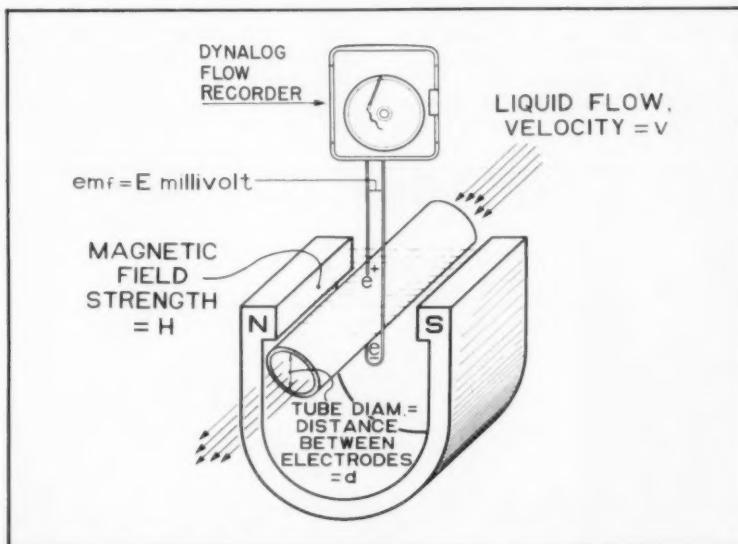
## How the Meter Works

In understanding how the Foxboro magnetic flow meter complies with strict flow measurement re-

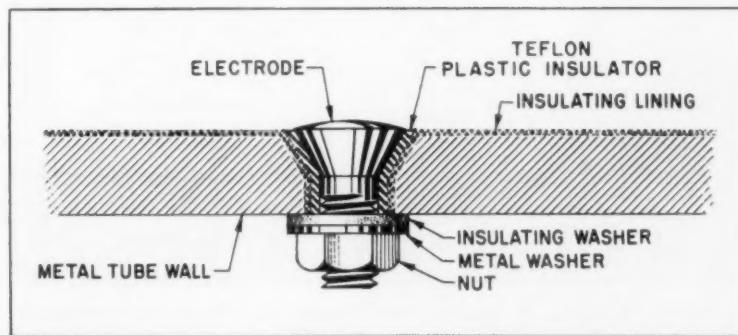
quirements, it is necessary only to review Faraday's principle, often referred to as the "right hand law of electricity". In general, this law states that if a magnetic field is generated in one direction and a conductor is moved at right angles to the field, a voltage will be generated which is directly proportional to the speed of the conductor and the strength of the field. Translated into terms of actual instrument design, this law becomes: if an AC electromagnet generates a magnetic field of constant strength at right angle through a nonmagnetic flow tube and conductive liquid is passed through the tube, a voltage will be generated which is directly proportional to the rate of flow of the liquid. To avoid shorting out the voltage, the tube is lined with an

insulating material. In direct contact with the liquid are two electrodes set into opposite sides of the tube and insulated from it. Lead wires from these electrodes transmit the voltage signal to an electronic Recorder, producing a chart record in appropriate units of flow. Since flow is equal to the fixed area of the metering tube times the velocity of the fluid traveling through it, a direct reading of flow is obtained.

In evaluating the adaptability of the meter to typical water and sewage treatment applications, the question of turbulence or variation of the flow profile naturally arises. It has been found that neither condition produces any adverse effect insofar as meter accuracy is concerned. The meter actually adds incremental velocities occurring across



● DIAGRAM illustrates principle of the magnetic flow meter. The flowing liquid, a conductor moving at right angles to a constant strength field, generates a voltage between electrodes  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  which is proportional to liquid velocity,  $v$ .



● ELECTRODES are set at opposite sides of tube and insulated from metal wall.

the fluid separating the two electrodes. This means that stratified variations in viscosity or flow rate, though they may affect the flow profile, are averaged out by the meter which responds solely to average velocity.

Proof that no error results from this source comes from detailed mathematical calculations for symmetrical flow patterns which confirm that laminar or turbulent flows have no effect on accuracy. In the case of non-symmetrical flow patterns, which are difficult to handle mathematically, accuracy was demonstrated by actual experiments. Half the area of the measuring tube was blocked to produce changes in the flow pattern and excessive turbulence was built up but there was no measurable change in accuracy.

Further test work conducted by the Alden Hydraulics Laboratory, Worcester, Massachusetts, culminated in a test curve which shows virtually no deviation from a normal calibration curve when a pipe elbow was installed directly upstream of an 8-inch magnetic flow meter and swirl was artificially induced.

It will be remembered that one of the basic conditions of electromagnetic metering is that the fluid

to be measured must be conductive. Only when a conductor moves through a magnetic field will there be a measurable EMF generated across the electrodes. This brings up the question of what constitutes a conductive fluid for purposes of electromagnetic flow measurement. In water and sewage treatment installations, conductivity is not a problem since the fluids dealt with are usually of the magnitude of 100 micromhos or greater. This is far above the minimum conductivity requirement which, for an 8-inch magnetic flow meter using 300 feet of lead wire between transmitter and receiver, is 50 micromhos. However, it has been demonstrated that even at values below 50 micromhos, the only adverse effect is a wandering zero when there is no flow in the line. When flow resumes, the meter reads accurately.

#### Coatings and Deposits

Much testing was done to assess the effects of slimes or greases that can be expected to coat the electrodes of a meter used in sewage plant operation. It was found that the meter will continue to read correctly if there is a concentric buildup of residue and slime on

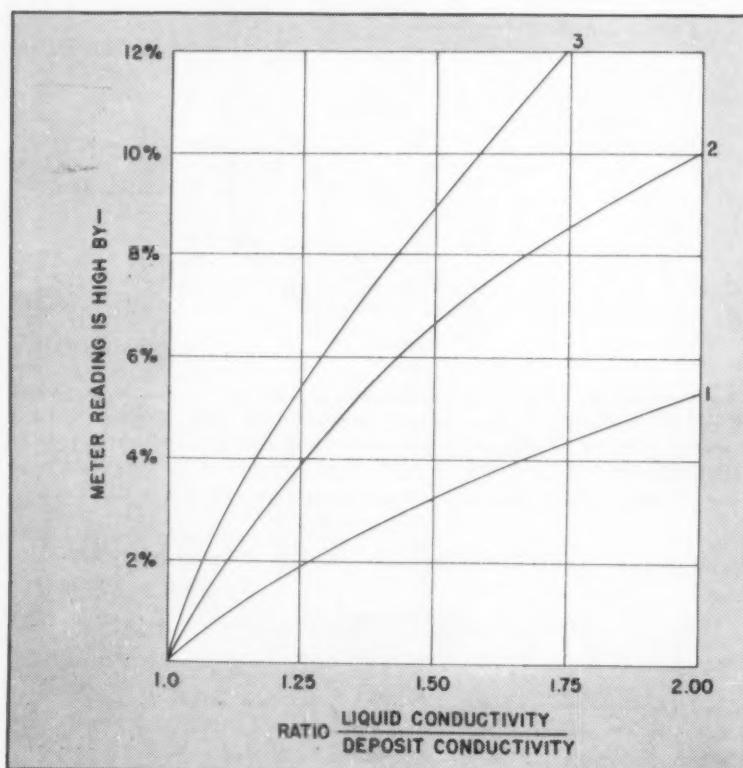
the walls of the metering tube, providing the buildup is conductive. For example, assume that there is a flow of given rate through a clean tube. Now, assume that a concentric buildup takes place, blocking half the area of the tube. Obviously, the velocity of flow must be doubled in order to maintain the volume at its original value. At first it would seem that with the area of the tube halved and the rate of flow doubled, the generated voltage will be the same as with a clean tube. In actual practice this is true, but mathematically a higher reading would be expected. For instance, when the area of the tube is halved, the diameter (distance between the two electrodes) is reduced to .707 instead of .5 of the original dimension. It would seem logical that the meter would read too high by a factor of .707 divided by .5.

However, mathematical and experimental analysis both show that the resistive shunt effects of the buildup are sufficient to decrease the generated voltage by the exact amount necessary to cause the meter to read correctly.

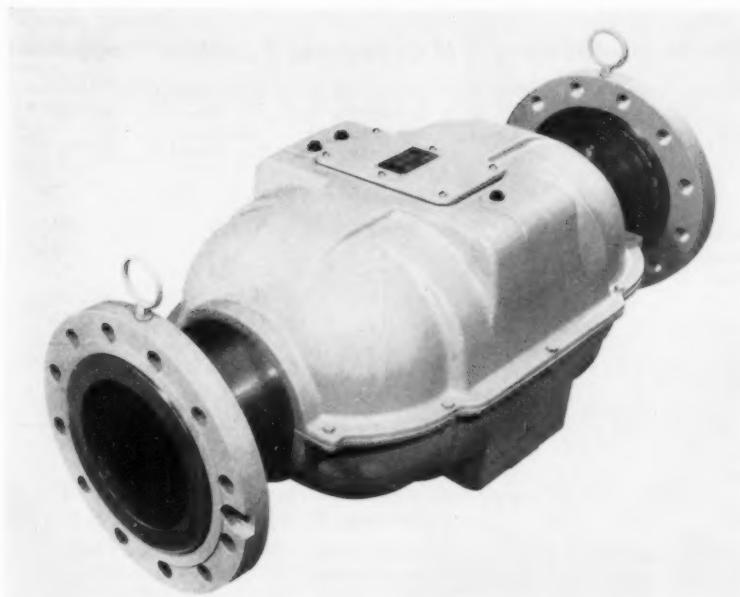
Most buildups will have the same conductivity as the flowing liquid because they are usually porous and are continually soaked in the flowing liquid. At the other extreme are buildups which are good insulators, thereby preventing the electrodes from sensing any of the voltage generated. The latter will prevent the meter from reading above zero. A figure herewith shows the effect of the conductivity of the buildup on the accuracy of the meter. While the results will be much the same for a stagnant ring of viscous fluid, the ring will almost certainly have the same conductivity as the liquid itself.

It should be noted in connection with the question of buildup that it is less likely to occur in the magnetic flow meter because the tube is lined with rubber or plastic materials. These liners do not permit substances to adhere to them nearly as readily as do cast iron or concrete pipe. In fact, where a Kel-F liner is used, it is difficult to find a substance that will adhere without a very elaborate curing process.

Because the transmitter section of the meter is essentially an electric generator whose output must be recorded by an electronic receiver, it has been necessary to establish certain minimum full scale voltages that fall within the sensitivity of the instrument. These are based upon a minimum full scale velocity of five feet per second. This means that the minimum full scale obtainable



● EFFECT of buildup of slimes or other deposits on walls of the metering tube. Curves 1, 2 and 3 are equivalent, respectively, to 19, 36 and 50 percent reductions in area. Resistive shunt effects of buildup tend to compensate for high readings.



● THIS COMPACT Magnetic Flow Transmitter fits readily into plant pipe lines.

with a 6-inch meter is 450. It can be read down to zero. There is no upper limit on meter ranges. For instance, a 6-inch meter can be built with a range of 1000. However, with the lower limit a factor, it would be impossible to furnish a full scale range of 200.

Since the magnetic flow meter is

not subject to the effects of upstream disturbances (elbow, turbulence, etc.), it is possible to predict accurately and in advance of installation what the accuracy of the meter will be. It can be stated that the meter, including transmitter and recorder, has an over-all accuracy of 1 percent.

### Applications

From this discussion of the fundamental characteristics of the device, it can be appreciated that there are application possibilities far beyond the scope of conventional metering equipment. For the first time, industry has been able to measure successfully the flow of drilling mud to an oil well. It is the first to give an accurate measurement of the flow of latex and water mixtures, as well as acid and rock slurries. The food industry, recognizing its sanitary features, has put it to use in the measurement of beer, fruit juices and tomato products, appreciating the fact that there are no piping connections or crevices where food can accumulate and decompose.

Viewed by the water works engineer, the meter has certain obvious application advantages. It adds no more loss of head to a hydraulic system than does a similar length of straight pipe. Therefore it has definite merit in water pumping station applications where power costs are important. When used as the primary device for a filtration rate controller, it produces less permanent head loss across the filter, thus permitting increased rates of flow. To the sewage plant operator the new meter brings relief from a number of vexing problems arising from the difficulty of measuring raw and returned sludge.

## CHARACTERISTICS of REFUSE IN NATIONAL PARKS

DURING the summer of 1954, the Public Health Service assigned personnel to study the various phases of refuse collection and disposal in certain parks, at the request of Paul McG. Miller, Chief Engineer of the National Park Service. The Public Health Service was asked to observe and evaluate present practices, test relatively untried methods of disposal under field conditions, and collect basic data concerning the characteristics and quantities of refuse produced in the National Parks. The last is necessary to facilitate planning and design of collection and disposal systems and plants.

Field investigations were per-

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formed in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, by Herbert A. Bevis, PHS Region III, Washington, D. C.; in Yosemite National Park, California, by Z. D. Harrison, PHS Region IX, San Francisco; and in Glacier Park, Montana, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, Wyoming, by Leo, Weaver, Division of Sanitary Engineering Services, PHS Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Although most of the information collected pertained to peculiar conditions existing in the respective parks, a substantial amount of data was collected concerning the quantities and composition of refuse from

their hotels, campgrounds, picnic areas, and headquarters areas. The data was obtained by complete weight and volume studies and physical analysis of representative samples of the refuse over a period of one week for each installation.

These data are adaptable, we believe, for use in similar areas, such as State parks, summer camps, and resorts.

**Lodges and Hotels**—The median of the average quantity of refuse produced approximated 3.5 pounds per capita per day, and 0.4 cubic foot per capita per day. The median of the average quantity of garbage produced per capita per day approximated 2.0 pounds and 0.1 cubic foot; for rubbish it was 1.3 pounds and 0.4 cubic foot, respectively. The median of the average relative amount of garbage and rubbish in the refuse was found to be some 60 percent garbage and 40 percent rubbish by weight, and 15 percent garbage and 85 percent rubbish by volume. (Actually, some ashes were included, but the relative error is not significant.)

There were marked differences in the amounts collected from the various types of accommodations. At Glacier National Park, two hotels showed averages of 2.30 and 1.89 pounds of garbage per capita per day, while cabins averaged 0.75 pound. The lodge at Shenandoah National Park produced 2.35 lbs., and the lodge at Yosemite 1.92 lbs.; the hotel at Yellowstone 2.02 lbs. and the hotel at Yosemite 5.04 lbs. per capita.

The relative quantities of garbage and rubbish remained very constant for similar accommodations at the various parks. Except for the lodge at Yosemite, all lodges and hotels studied at Glacier, Shenandoah, Yellowstone and Yosemite showed between 60 and 62 percent garbage and 40 and 38 percent refuse by weight. Volumes were not as uniform. The cabins at Glacier and the lodge at Yosemite showed 42 and 50 percent respectively of garbage by weight.

**Campgrounds and Picnic Areas**—The median of the average quantity

**Table I—Physical Analysis of Garbage and Rubbish in Campgrounds**

Material	Glacier Park	Shenandoah Park	Yellowstone Park	Median values
Apgar, Fish Creek, Big Meadows Avalanche, and (campground and Sprague Creek picnic area)				
Garbage	26	40	20	26
Paper	25	20	29	25
Glass	24	12	14	14
Metal	25	15	31	25
Miscellaneous		13	6	10
Total	100	100	100	100

**Table II—Physical Analysis of Garbage and Rubbish in Miscellaneous Areas**

Material	Yellowstone Park Park headquarters area	Yellowstone Park Tourist cabins Mammoth area
Garbage	50	42
Paper	27	33
Glass	10	2
Metal	9	11
Miscellaneous	4	12
Total	100	100

of refuse produced approximated 1.4 pounds and 0.2 cubic foot per capita per day. Physical analysis of a limited number of samples indicated that campground refuse averaged 40 percent garbage and 60 percent rubbish by weight (excluding ashes), and about 20 percent garbage and 80 percent rubbish by volume. Swift Current in Glacier, Big Meadows in Shenandoah, and Camps 4 and 14 in Yosemite had nearly the same garbage production—close to 1.5 lbs. per capita per day; but other campgrounds in Glacier and Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone were markedly lower at about one-half pound.

Although no specific per capita data from picnic areas were ob-

tained, an estimate that could be used, based on field observations, would be 0.4 pound and 0.07 cubic foot per capita per day.

**Park Headquarters Areas** (including utility-area production)—The median of the average quantity of refuse produced was 2.0 pounds and about 0.4 cubic foot per capita per day. Several physical analyses of refuse from this source indicated a content of from 50 to 55 percent garbage and 45 to 50 percent rubbish by weight. Results were reasonably uniform with Glacier at 2.82 pounds; Yellowstone at 1.52 lbs; and Yosemite at 2.03 lbs.

Data from Yosemite Park indicated a ratio of garbage to rubbish of 1:4 by volume.

● BEARS can be problems in waste disposal. They like to dig for their food and keeping refuse covered is difficult.

● INCINERATION may offer a solution to park refuse disposal. This unit is at Headquarters Area, Glacier Park, Mont.



# CONTROLLING SEWAGE FILTER FLIES

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THE VECTOR CONTROL Section of the Dallas, Texas, Public Health Department recently made investigations in an attempt to develop an efficient, practical and economical method for controlling filter-fly larvae (Psychodids) in trickling filters used for sewage treatment. The objective of the investigation was to develop: (1) a method of treatment that was simple and rapid in application to the rock filters; (2) a chemical or larvicide that would kill the filter-fly larvae without injuring the organic film on the media and would not adversely affect the treatment process; and (3) a procedure that would not require flooding or discontinuance of the normal operation of the filters for any length of time while they are undergoing treatment.

For the study a test procedure was designed by which the candidate larvicides could be tested in the same way as if the chemical admixed with the sewage were applied to the filters by rotary or stationary sprinklers. Obviously, no other method of applying the larvicide to the filters could be simpler or less expensive because no equipment and very little labor would be necessary if the treatment were made by or through the sprinkler system already in operation for sewage treatment.

The larvicides selected for this study were primarily those among the chlorinated hydrocarbons and organic phosphates that were known to be effective for the control of housefly (*Musca domestica*) and other fly larvae. In order to simulate as nearly as possible the application of a larvicide by the arms of the rotating sprinklers over the filters, which was the ultimate aim of our development, emulsions in sewage



● INSECTICIDE is added in a steady stream for one minute to sewage flowing directly to trickling filters. Amount used is based on predetermined flow of sewage.

of the test compounds containing from 5 to 1,000 ppm or more of active ingredients were sprinkled over rocks in minute improvised filters heavily infested with larvae and pupae. Duration of application varied from 15 to 20 seconds to several hours or until the larvae and pupae were moribund or dead. By this technique the effective filter fly larvicides could be determined quite rapidly and in a manner comparable to that in actual practice. The test procedure was found to serve well for screening the candidate insecticides and for determining the concentration and time required to control the filter fly larvae and pupae.

## Methods of Application

The results of our early tests showed that the two common species of filter flies *Telmatoscopus albipunctatus* (Will.), a large dark species, and *Psychoda alternata* (Say), a small pale species, could be controlled by simply adding (a) a small amount, or a low concentration of an effective filter-fly larvicide at a constant rate of continu-

ous flow for a period of 2½ to 3 hours to the flow of sewage going to the filters; or (b) a large amount, or a high concentration of the larvicide in the same manner but for a short period, usually for only a minute or two. For either of these methods of treatment the amount of sewage, in gallons per minute, going to the filters must be accurately predetermined in order to know precisely the amount of larvicide to add to obtain a concentration effective for controlling all the immature stages of the flies. After testing these two methods in actual practice in the field we found that the short or rapid method of treatment was by far the best and most economical because it requires very little labor. Once the flow of sewage in gallons per minute going to the filter is accurately known, the amount of larvicide required can be determined quickly. The larvicide is then added to the sewage over a period of one minute in a continuous, steady stream at the rate of one gallon of larvicide per 500 gallons of sewage. The concentration thus obtained will

be approximately 809 ppm if the emulsifiable concentrate of the larvicide to be used contains 40 percent active ingredients, or approximately 1,150 ppm if the concentrated larvicide contains 55 percent active ingredients. Rapid and perfect emulsification of the concentrated larvicides in the sewage is highly essential before the sewage reaches the sprinklers.

#### Effective Compounds

The insecticidal compounds that gave good control of filter-fly larvae during the summer season were mixtures containing an organic phosphate and a chlorinated hydrocarbon. Two of these mixtures, known under trade names of Psycon and Malrin, were tested in the filters of three sewage treatment plants. The results of both summer and winter tests with these mixtures are as follows:

On rather heavily infested stone, the number of larvae on which was counted, with 404.5 ppm of emulsifiable concentrate (10 percent Dieldrin and 30 percent Malathion), control was 43.3 percent; 809 ppm of Psycon gave a control of 99.85 percent; and 919 ppm killed all larvae. Another test, in December, with air temperature near 50° F, using 809 ppm, gave a 57.2 percent kill. An emulsifiable concentrate (37 percent Perthane and 18 percent Malathion, at 1,150 ppm gave 94.1 percent kill; Malrin at 1,150 ppm, gave 99.4 percent kill. Two winter tests with Malrin, using 1,150 ppm, gave 63.4 percent

kill at 50° F and 20.8 percent at "near freezing" in January, 1956.

Both Psycon and Malrin gave good results on larvae in summer tests, but no statistical data on pupae mortality was obtained. On the basis of several observations it is indicated, however, that Psycon is superior to Malrin for controlling the pupal stage of the two species of *Psychodidae* present in local filters. Apparently worms and snails are not affected; in fact, their numbers appear to increase after treatment with Psycon and Malrin in the absence of competition from filter-fly larvae. There has been no evidence following our tests that treated effluents subsequently discharged into the river were toxic to fish. Inasmuch as the chlorinated hydrocarbons are known to be very toxic to fish it would not be advisable to use these insecticides on a large scale unless it is certain that dilution below the hazard point for poisoning fish takes place in the secondary tanks before treated effluent is discharged into streams stocked with fish.

#### Number of Treatments

The number of treatments needed during a season to control filter-fly breeding has not been determined. It has been noted repeatedly, however, that unless a very high kill of larvae and pupae is obtained by a treatment, the population of larvae and pupae in the filter increases again at a very rapid rate and to large numbers in the course of two to three weeks. When such rapid

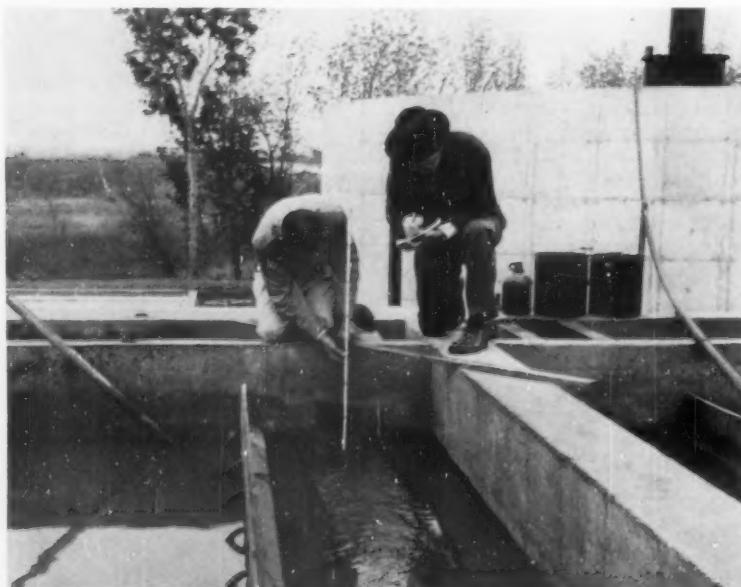
increases of larvae are noted shortly after treatment the filters should be retreated at weekly intervals until the flies are brought under control. In one test with Psycon in which a 100 percent kill of the larvae and pupae was obtained, the filter remained free of larvae for nearly a month and although a very heavy organic film formed on the rocks, no ponding resulted. A 100 percent kill is most difficult to obtain with one treatment and may not be desirable if snails and worms are not present in order to prevent the formation of too heavy a film which in turn could result in ponding on the filter.

#### Public Works Facilities for Caterpillar's New Decatur Plant

A new plant for the manufacture of motor graders and wheel-type tractors has been completed at Decatur, Ill., by Caterpillar Tractor Co., on a 425-acre tract of land. The two main buildings provide 840,000 square feet of floor area and 3,200 persons are now employed there. In design and construction, provision was made for the necessary public works utilities. There is a parking lot, lighted and paved with black-top, which can handle 1,150 cars. Industrial wastes are treated by a plant which handles acids and alkalis, breaks down emulsions and removes solids. Storm drainage is controlled by ponding on the roof with the pond level controlled by overflow weirs, thus reducing the momentary peaks of runoff. A 300,000-gallon water tank gives a reserve for fire protection which provides water necessary for plant operation. Water, gas and sewage facilities are oversized approximately 50 percent in order to provide for future expansion.

#### Design Standards for Streets

For application to new subdivisions, Longmont, Colo., has adopted street design standards. Major subdivision streets are recommended to have a minimum width of 100 feet; secondary streets, 70 feet; local collector streets, 60 feet and non-through local streets, 50 feet, with dead-end streets not to be more than 500 feet in length with a minimum outside radius of 50 feet at the closed end. Whenever possible, streets are to intersect at right angles, and where they meet at acute angles, a reasonable street corner radius is required.



● TO DETERMINE the dosage of insecticide needed for effective filter fly control, the sewage flow in channels leading to the filters was measured by gaging.



● CONVEYOR type loading attachment on one of the eight graders owned by the County speeds up the preparatory work.

## ORGANIZATION and OPERATION OF A COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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MEMBERS of our County Highway Committee are very conscious of the necessity for constructing and maintaining our highways and bridges with a high standard to meet present traffic demands, and to keep up with all the new and better methods in the construction and maintenance field. With this in mind we have established, we believe, an adequate highway program for La Crosse County.

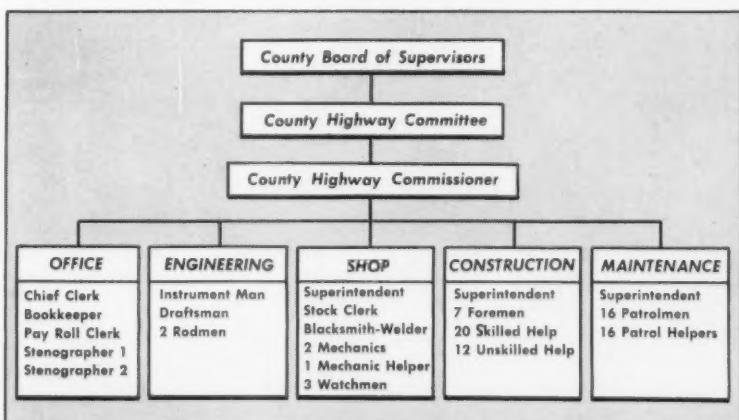
This county is located in western Wisconsin, the mighty Mississippi River forming a part of its western boundary. The rugged terrain features existing in La Crosse County has caused it to be referred to by many as "The Heart of the Coulee Region." The County is 481 square miles in area, has a population of nearly 70,000 people with its County seat in the city of La Crosse. A network of 841 miles of highways spans the County identified as follows: State and Federal Highways, 107 miles; County Trunk Highways, 292 miles; Town Roads and Streets, 442 miles.

The County Board of La Crosse County elects a five man Highway Committee and elects a Highway Commissioner to manage and supervise the Highway Department. These men are responsible for the fine organization that we have. The chairman of the Committee has held this office for over twenty years and the others have been on this Committee from five to fifteen years.

The main office of the Highway Department is located in the Court House at La Crosse. The main Highway Shop is located near West Salem

which is very nearly the geographical center of the County. Two small out-lying storage buildings are located in the northwestern part of the County and a well equipped bituminous storage plant is located on a rail siding in West Salem.

The Engineering Section makes surveys, prepares plans and assists in figuring estimates for road and bridge construction projects. Only a few counties of the 71 in the State are fortunate enough to have an engineering section. We feel that an engineering section is a must, and



● CHART of Organization showing distribution of responsibility, LaCrosse Co.



● SURFACING procedure, showing typical job with travel plant mixing 60 percent red gravel, 40 percent sand and MC-3 asphalt. Compacted depth will be 3 ins.

believe the trend will be toward more departments adding engineering sections to their organizations in the near future.

The main highway shop is a new, modern, up-to-date structure constructed in 1949 at a cost of \$315,000. The shop is divided to provide storage for trucks and machinery and a repair shop. The repair shop is well equipped and includes a grease room, a paint room, a blacksmith shop, an overhead crane, a hoist and ample storage for repair parts, tires, batteries, etc. The shop is headed by a Shop Superintendent and operated by a crew of nine men consisting of a stock clerk, three mechanics, a blacksmith, a mechanic's helper and three watchmen-janitors. All trucks and machinery owned by the highway department are repaired and kept in good operating condition by the shop crew. In addition a good deal of repair work is done on Town-

ship owned maintenance machinery. There are seven other storage buildings at the main shop site for storage of equipment, steel, lumber, signs, dynamite and miscellaneous items such as cement, calcium chloride, etc. A large yard is available at the main shop site for storage of piling, culverts and some machinery.

The Highway Department operates with a total of 70 full time employees including administrative personnel. At the peak of the construction season this number increases to approximately 110 to 120 employees. The construction section is headed by the superintendent and each construction crew works under the direct supervision of a foreman and all types of construction work is performed, including grading, installing culverts, bituminous surfacing, installation of guard rail and construction of all types of bridges.

The maintenance section is headed

by the Maintenance Superintendent. In Wisconsin the counties perform all maintenance operations for the State on State and Federal highways on a reimbursement basis. The 107 miles of State and Federal highways are divided into five patrol sections and the 292 miles of County Trunk highways are divided into eleven patrol sections. Each patrol section is manned by two men referred to as patrolman and patrol helper. Each section is provided with a truck of approximately 2-ton capacity, a snow plow, a sand spreader and a two wheel pull-type grader. Also available are 11 tractor mowers which are rotated from one section to another as their need is required. The various maintenance operations performed are roadside cleanup, maintenance of drainage system including culverts and bridges, shoulder repairing, improving surface and base, maintenance of guard rail and filling joints on pavement. Winter maintenance operations include snow removal, snow fence erection and removal and ice control. Construction crews assist the maintenance crews a great deal during winter months when snow removal and ice control operations become so extensive that they cannot be handled promptly and efficiently by the maintenance crews alone. The driving public expects and demands good driving conditions all through the winter months, and in this north country with severe winters and rugged terrain this becomes a giant operation.

The following is a list of the larger and more important pieces of construction and maintenance equipment owned by the Department:



● SAND and gravel mix, using MC-3 on 9th Ave., Onalaska, showing appearance of completed 3½-in. thick pavement.

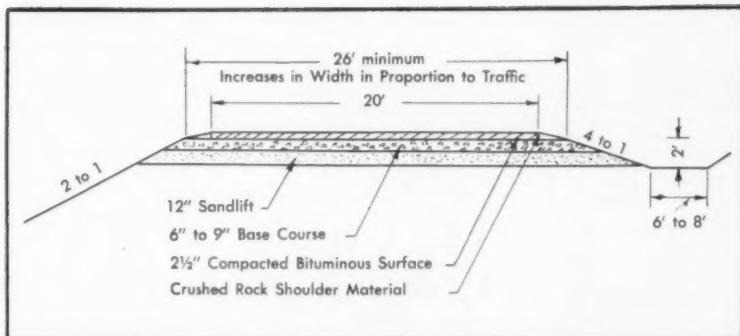
Sixty-two trucks ranging in size from  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton pickups to 8-ton, the 2-ton and 3- to 4-ton being the most in demand; twenty-five tractors, including seven crawler tractors and eighteen wheel type tractors; wheel-type tractors that include mowers and front-end loaders; eight motor graders, one equipped with a slope grader, one equipped with conveyor type loading attachment and six equipped with snow wings; two power shovels, one  $\frac{3}{4}$  cubic yard capacity and one 1 cubic yard capacity; three bituminous distributors and three bituminous supply tanks; one bituminous travel plant; thirty-five snow plows ranging in size from small one-way plows to large V type plows; eighteen self-feeding sand spreaders; three scrapers, 12-cubic yard capacity; three air compressors; and four road rollers, along with various other equipment such as construction graders, trailers, cement mixers, conveyors, pile drivers, pumps, tool houses, power plants and a screening plant. The total valuation of this equipment is \$308,000.

Every two years the State Highway Commission provides counties with State and County traffic count maps. These maps are furnished at no cost to the counties and the State also provides additional traffic counts at desired locations. These traffic counts are important and necessary in planning a sound highway program.

We follow a policy of grading, installing a drainage system, and placing sand lift and base course entirely with our own crews and equipment, with County and Town monies only. The bituminous road mix surfacing and shouldering material is placed with County and Federal participation in the cost. We do the work with our crews and equipment under contract with the State.

We have the following miles of County Trunk Highways constructed to this high standard: 16.29 miles on Federal Aid Secondary System complete, 7.63 miles on Federal Aid Secondary System complete except for base course and bituminous surfacing, 30 miles off of the Federal Aid Secondary System complete and 10.10 miles off the Federal Aid Secondary System complete except for base course and bituminous surfacing. We have nine bridges on the Federal Aid Secondary System constructed by contracts.

In line with the President's proposed highway program, we have completed a sufficiency rating survey of our roads in order to determine our needs to bring our entire highway system up to modern standards.



● **TYPICAL** section used by LaCrosse County Highway Department for all Federal Aid Secondary and County Trunk Highway Construction. Pavement width is 20 feet.



● **SCREENING** and mixing sand and calcium chloride for ice control. The prepared mixture is shown discharging from the conveyor into the truck at the left.



● **SAND** lift is being placed. This is 12 ins. thick and extends from shoulder to shoulder. A base course, 6 to 9 inches thick, is then placed and surface added.

# BRUSH CHIPPERS HANDLE CHRISTMAS TREES, ROADSIDE BRUSH and SLUDGE

ALBERT N. B. RAPP,

Plant Foreman,

Township Incinerator,

Abington, Pennsylvania

WHILE THE township incinerator may not be the first place one would think of where brush chippers can be used to advantage, that is one place where they are doing a big job for us. In June, 1955, our brand-new \$600,000 incinerator was put into operation to solve a refuse and garbage problem. All went well until Christmastime when the Christmas tree cleanup put us over the proverbial barrel.

In need of help, I contacted Harold Gentile, Sales Manager of the Asplundh Chipper Company in nearby Jekintown. He suggested we use chippers to reduce our hauling problem. A demonstration convinced us of the advantages of these machines and we requisitioned two units at once. Residents were requested to place their trees by the curbs and our trucks and chippers went to work. From 12,500 homes we collected 7,500 trees, thus relieving that many homeowners of the danger of burning or of otherwise disposing of their trees and sparing their neighbors the bothersome smoke.

In this cleanup we found that a single truck could take from 450 to 500 trees before unloading—a tre-

mendous cost saving to us. Furthermore we were pleased to find that a number of residents came to our plant to obtain some of this chipped material for use in mulching their acid-loving plants such as rhododendron and laurel.

## Others Like It Too

With the spring we found new cost-saving uses for our chippers—we, that is, jointly with other departments of the township. These machines came in handy for spring cleanup in our parks; they did a fast job on brush, fallen limbs and trimmed material. The highway department uses the chippers frequently to dispose of brush along the roads. That department, by the way, has completely eliminated hauling and burning of brush and uses these chippers solely. Also, we have found them indispensable in cleaning up debris after storms.

An unusual use to which these chippers have been put is for pulverizing the dried sludge from our sewage disposal plant. Residents of the area may take this material for use in their gardens; it makes an excellent soil conditioner and fertilizer. This service, needless to say, has additionally enhanced our relationship with the taxpayer.

We equip each chipper with two sets of blades, changing them whenever necessary to insure uninterrupted operation. Economical to run, this equipment uses only 10 gallons of gas per 8-hour day of continuous use.

The chippers have been a tremendous help to us; they have cut costs very substantially and have helped us to serve better the public interest. We consider them an excellent investment and they are also appreciated by our Board of Commissioners. They have been a wonderful help in cementing our public relations.



● CHRISTMAS tree disposal problem was solved by this brush chipper, but other year-round uses were also found for it.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## *In Civil and Public Works Engineering*

### SALES ENGINEERING

THIRTY YEARS AGO engineers regarded the title "Sales Engineer" with coolness. The words "sales" and "engineers" were supposed to be contradictory. A sales engineer was often considered to lack the ability to be a "real engineer". Now, however, the sales engineer is regarded as essential in business and industry.

During my college career in civil engineering, I had not the slightest intention of becoming a sales engineer, although I had done selling during two summers. I needed money for my education; and I was told that in sales work one could accumulate a tidy sum in a short time providing one was willing to work hard. When I graduated, the country was in a depression. Companies were desperately looking for salesmen who could bring in business. I decided to join the ranks of the then very few sales engineers—but "only temporarily," I said to myself. I found sales engineering rich with opportunities and interesting problems. It was challenging work. It was just what I wanted.

Salesmanship is the sparkplug of progress. It is the liaison between areas of supply and areas of demand. When products or ideas are sold, the wheels of progress turn, jobs are created, money is spent, money goes into circulation, producing more money, more purchasing and more jobs; and the cycle repeats itself as long as selling is kept at a properly high level.

Salesmanship, especially that of the sales engineer, embraces the art of teaching others. It is not a class-room type of teaching; nevertheless it requires teaching people to understand a product or an idea. Good teaching requires good selling. The best class-room teacher is so rated largely because he does a good job of selling students on his subject. Not only must he know his subject; he must be enthusiastic about it in a way that will arouse class interest. In addition, he must be able to make others understand his points.



J. P. LAWLOR,  
President, General Filter Company  
Mayor of Ames, Iowa

These are the fundamentals of salesmanship.

Does a degree in civil engineering qualify one for sales engineering? No, but it is a great help. The civil engineer has acquired an excellent basic training on which to build a successful career as a sales engineer.

There are two principal kinds of equipment to be sold, pre-engineered and custom engineered. Pre-engineered equipment include items on which all the engineering and design work is carefully done before the product is manufactured. This includes such equipment as water meters, tractors, earth-moving equipment and electric motors. Custom-engineered products include items which are partly pre-engineered and partly engineered by the sales engineer during the process of selling. These include such items as large water-conditioning plants, special pumping machinery, automation equipment, and central-air-conditioning systems.

Is a large amount of travel necessary? That depends on the product being sold. If sales are confined to a large city area, the sales engineer is home almost every evening. If the territory covers a 100-mile radius, he is home about 60 percent

of the evenings. If it is national or international in scope, his time away from home may vary from a few days to a few weeks at a time.

#### **Preparation and Training**

In the preparation for sales engineering, certain basic subjects are important, such as engineering, economics, business law, contracts and specifications, public speaking, public relations and journalism. A curriculum in civil engineering contains many courses that are generally useful regardless of the particular type of product the sales engineer may be selling. A knowledge of such fundamental subjects as mathematics, surveying, drafting, sanitation, hydraulics and electricity is needed in nearly every branch of sales-engineering work. Some knowledge of the principles of economics is important in proving to the purchaser the value of a product. A knowledge of business law is an aid in understanding fundamental elements of American business such as partnership, corporations, legal and illegal business methods and taxation. Skill in public speaking is essential for a sales engineer. Self-confidence before others is a necessity. A course in public relations develops ability to get along with people, to understand them better and to make others understand what he and his firm are doing to make this a better world. The sales engineer should be civic minded and render services to his community. There are many ways to acquire those important qualities that do so much to create confidence—and confidence is basic in every good sale.

Personal qualifications are important in almost any type of work; but in no calling, professional or otherwise, are certain personal qualifications so important as in sales engineering. Condensing them in a couple of words we could call them "sales ability". Analyzing sales ability, we will find a list of characteristics like: thrill of achievement;

confidence; perspective; pleasing personality; optimism; persistence; originality; resourcefulness; tact; spiritual development; native intelligence; and love of conquest. The same qualities are essential to a good business executive.

I have been asked, "What engineering ability is required to supplement selling ability?" An engineering knowledge of the product being sold is most important. Supplementing that are engineering perspective and analytical ability. Class work develops engineering perspective; some men have a natural abundance of it, but most acquire it only after years of good engineering experience. Analytical ability grows in the same way.

#### **How to Get Started**

The question is sometimes asked, "What should I do to get started in the field of selling?" There are several ways. The best school of basic training is experience. Use your vacations or other spare time to practice salesmanship. Selling any kind of a legitimate product or idea is valuable experience. At the same time, ponder over the conversations you had, the characteristics of your prospects, the reactions to your presentation, the reasons you failed or succeeded. Don't expect anyone to buy unless you have first succeeded in creating, and maintaining, an atmosphere acceptable to the customer.

Learning to sell is like learning to swim. You must get into the water and start paddling. If you are a beginner, getting started in the first selling job seems difficult, but it isn't.

After basic training in sales engineering, which you should go out and acquire yourself, and after receiving your degree in civil engineering, you land a job with a company that handles the product or ideas you wish to sell. Don't ask for, or expect, to be placed on the sales force at once. Take any kind of work offered you. Once you join the ranks, if you have what it takes to sell, you will soon find that there is nothing to keep you from getting into the sales department. No profit-making organization can exist without good salesmen. First learn all about its products and personnel and sell yourself to the organization. You will soon be on the sales force, in a position clearly to demonstrate your ability.

#### **How To Progress**

Attaining the profession of sales engineering does indicate a sure

degree of success. Ahead lies the salesman's field, rich with golden opportunities for the sales engineer who is willing to work hard, and enjoys doing it. Perhaps there is no field in which it is more important to keep up with the times. The salesman must keep informed on many things, especially new products in his own field. He must also keep abreast of current events in the world of business, science, entertainment and human relations; directly, or indirectly, they all contribute to progress through better selling.

Essential to progress as a sales engineer is knowledge of many subjects related to business. Two busi-

good sales engineer and the monetary return bears a direct relationship to the law of supply and demand. Company progress, in the final analysis, depends on successful selling of company products. The field of good sales engineering never has been and never will be crowded; and a sales engineer often develops into a top-flight, top-salaried business executive. The soundest social security one can attain is a well developed ability to sell ideas to others. There, too, is the psychic income in addition to dollar income. One source of psychic income for the salesman is his feeling of being necessary. When a person no longer feels that others need him, he has

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Joseph P. Lawlor was born on a farm in Eastern Iowa. He received his degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. In World War I he was a Captain of Infantry, U. S. Army; in World War II, a Commander in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy. He spent 13 years as Sales Engineer with Layne and Bowler, Inc., and affiliated companies including Layne Central Company and Layne Chicago Company. In the Layne organization he also held the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Engineer and General Manager. He served as Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering at Iowa State College for one year.

In 1935 he organized the General Filter Company, a water conditioning organization, and has been its President since that time. He served several terms as City Councilman of Ames, Iowa, and is now in his second term as Mayor of that city. Currently he is also President of the League of Iowa Municipalities and the Iowa Taxpayers Association, and is State Chairman of the Hoover Report Committee. He is a member of ASCE, AWWA and the Iowa Engineering Society; and is a registered Professional Engineer in several states.

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ness fields especially close to sales engineering are public relations and national advertising. They are interrelated and familiarity with them is the foundation of a good sales force.

A sales engineer is in an excellent spot to gain advancement. He is in the position where management can easily recognize his worth because it adds up on the record in dollars. Hence, the salesman who deserves promotion is most likely to get it; he is not lost in the crowd. Among the various occupations in an organization, the salesman can count most on performance, not politicking—on sales, not seniority—on record, not relationship. In addition to promotion in the sales department he can take advantage of opportunities to develop his future in management.

#### **The Rewards in Service and Money**

In sales engineering one is likely to get paid according to results produced because it is easier for all to see the results of his efforts. There is always a demand for a

an empty existence. Buyers actually need the salesmen; they count on him and recognize him as an advisor. The thrill of achievement that comes from good selling provides psychic income. A good salesman is an expert in analyzing the problems of the prospect, and when he turns a prospect into a customer he has cause to rejoice.

Self-respect is wanted by all people. A salesman has it because his activity is essential to our economy. Nothing much happens in the world of human relations until someone sells something. Every sale moves money, creates jobs, makes more purchases possible, makes more people happy. A sales engineer's calling is one of pride and dignity. The activity of selling is not a profession, but a sales engineer is a professional man and has professional relations with his buyers. Community respect is an essential to good living. A successful sales engineer makes money, and has the intelligence and the ability to live happily among others. He is respected as a top citizen in the best communities.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## *In Civil and Public Works Engineering*

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# THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FEW CAREERS offer the variety of experience as does that of Consulting Engineering. Accompanying this variety of experience is a variety of problems. The problems encountered and the experience gained depend in part upon the field of practice and the years spent therein. Consequently, the views expressed in this article are, of necessity, the result of the author's own experience.

In the first place, how does one get started as a consulting engineer? There is no one method. In the firm of which the author is a member, each of the current partners started as an employee. This is probably the most common type of start. Years ago when trained engineers were less numerous than now, young engineering graduates, after a few years as employees of older engineers, would set up their own consulting offices. Others have begun private practice after serving municipal, state, or federal departments. Whatever the manner of start, it has usually required courage and self-assurance for a young man to leave a job of reasonable security for the uncertainties of private practice.

The professional activities of a consulting engineer usually fall under two broad classifications. First, purely consulting services, including investigations, reports, and ex-

pert testimony; and second, preparation of design and supervision of construction and operation of engineering projects.

Investigations and reports may involve field surveys, surface and subsurface explorations and, in many instances, preliminary plans with cost estimates and financial programs. Some problems may require extensive library research or even laboratory and pilot plant research. The preparation of the report itself calls for skill in the art of communication to the client or to the public.

To qualify for expert testimony, the engineer must have appropriate education, much experience, and unblemished reputation. In addition—and this is of great importance—the expert must possess personal qualifications which ensure that his testimony will carry weight: an air of confidence without aggressiveness, and a likable personality without unctuousness.

### *Design and Construction*

The consulting office undertaking the design of a project must first establish the basic data therefor, preparatory to the functional layout. Once the basic data and general layout are decided upon, the detailed design follows. Such detailed design may involve either a few or many specialized fields of

engineering. Designs of water purification plants or sewage treatment plants, for example, will involve hydraulic, structural, mechanical, electrical and architectural engineering. The selection of equipment and the preparation of specifications must accompany the work of designing.

The consulting engineer will prepare contract documents, assist in the receipt of bids and their analysis and will make recommendation with respect to the award of contracts. During construction, the engineer will usually provide general supervision of construction, resident inspection and review of shop drawings; he will also interpret specifications, settle disputes, and make monthly and final estimates for payments to contractors.

Following completion of the project, the engineer may be called upon for consulting or resident supervision of operation, not only during tuning-up, but also for a period of time thereafter. If the project is one financed by revenue bonds, the consulting engineer will often be retained to carry out specific duties designed to safeguard the investment.

The performance of engineering services for clients is but one phase of the operation of the consulting engineer's office. Obviously no consulting organization can exist un-

less it has clients to provide the fees necessary to carry on the business. One of the real problems of a consulting engineer is how to maintain a steady volume of business activity. The older engineering offices usually have acquired over the years many satisfied clients who come back again and again for services. The young engineers, however, have no such backlog of clients and consequently find the early years of independent practice somewhat difficult.

Ethical considerations limit the methods whereby new business can be obtained. The young engineer, by attending technical meetings, can frequently make acquaintances through whom work will come. He can establish a reputation for ability by presenting technical papers of merit and by participating in discussions and committee work. He can make calls where engineering works are projected, and thus make known his availability for an engagement. It must be re-emphasized here that the getting of a job is often dependent upon personality and the skill with which the engineer can demonstrate his qualifications.

#### **Management and Business**

The young engineer often has little conception of the management and business side of a consulting engineering organization. His formal education, unless he takes a course in engineering management, provides him with little forewarning of the problems involved in the operation of a business, even though that business is the practice of professional engineering. Whether the consulting engineer's office is large or small, books must be kept and bills rendered. Some knowledge of business law is essential, particularly in regard to contracts. Proper and adequate time records must be kept, payrolls and other obligations must be met on time. Bank credit must be established so that loans may be arranged when necessary. Knowledge of tax liabilities is essential. Laws with respect to hours of employment and overtime payments have to be kept in mind. Insurance of various kinds must be carried, varying with the different states. If Governmental defense work is undertaken, the security clearance of personnel is required.

The physical setup of an engineering office involves the purchasing of equipment and supplies. Office quarters, layouts, leases and locations are all matters which the

engineer must consider. Personnel relations, vacations, sick leaves, promotions and raises, hiring and firing, are typical of nontechnical matters which require wise and patient consideration.

The organization of an engineer's office is a matter of prime importance if it is to operate efficiently. This is true not only as regards its physical layout, but also in respect to the coordination of personnel. The keeping and maintenance of quickly available files of correspondence, computations, technical data, plans

proper English his observations, conclusions and recommendations. Another personal qualification, which must be stressed is the ability to get along with older people. Some time ago, one of the national magazines published the result of a survey of employers regarding their reasons for discharging employees. This showed that by far the most common cause of discharge was the inability of the employee to get along with his fellow workers. It may be briefly stated that the three cardinal

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**E. Sherman Chase** graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in sanitary engineering. After graduation he worked as a chemist and bacteriologist and as a resident engineer at a sewage treatment plant. In 1913 he went to work for the Borough of Richmond, New York City, as an expert on sewage disposal. One year later he became a sanitary engineer for the New York State Department of Health. He joined Metcalf & Eddy in 1920 as a sanitary engineer and has been a partner of the firm from 1927 to date.

Mr. Chase is a member of American Institute of Consulting Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Boston Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, the New England Water Works Association, Federation of Sewage and Industrial Wastes Associations, Chi Epsilon and Delta Omega, and is an honorary member of Institution of Water Engineers (England). Author of numerous papers on sanitary engineering subjects, his practice has included a wide range of sanitary problems for many municipalities and industries throughout the United States. He has been an expert witness in numerous cases involving stream pollution and water diversion.

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and specifications, and books and catalogs is not the least of the problems in running an engineering office.

The young engineer entering an engineering office should possess, in addition to a technical education, certain manual skills, such as ability to make an accurate survey or to turn out an acceptable drawing. Such abilities will make him immediately useful to his employer. This dictum is perhaps unpopular in academic circles, but is based on many years of experience and observation.

Obviously, if manual skill is the only qualification a young engineer possesses, he will always remain a draftsman or a surveyor; so, in addition to manual skill, the young engineer should possess the ability to think; he must be able to formulate a problem, collect and arrange the essential facts and data, and reach a logical solution of the problem.

Manual and mental abilities, however, are not enough. A good engineer who is to succeed in his profession must have intellectual integrity, possess common sense, and have, above all, the ability to communicate in clear, concise, and

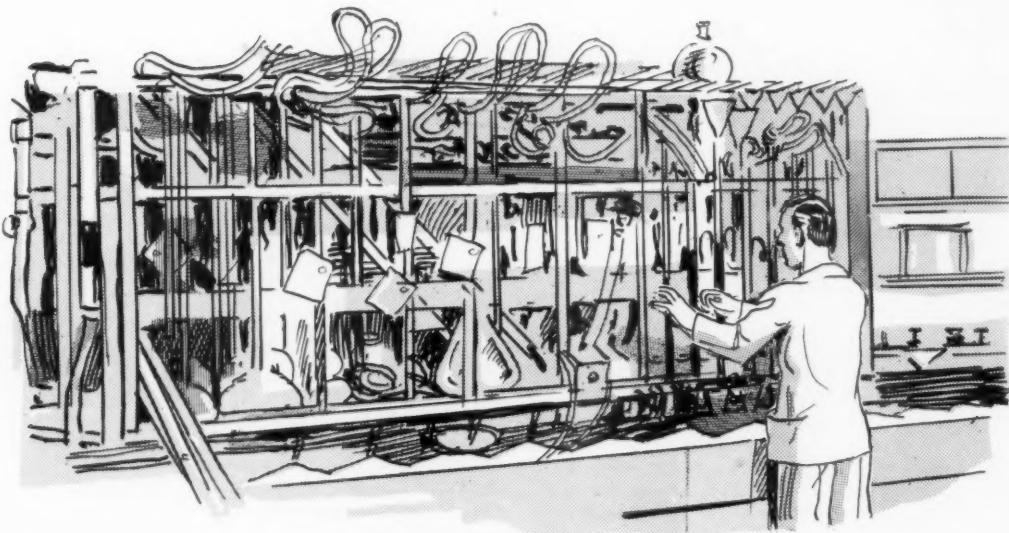
courses of conduct, or the three "C's" for success, are Capability, Communicability and Compatibility.

What are the rewards of a Consulting Engineer? Some rewards are tangible, others are intangible. Financial rewards may be meager, ample or, on occasion, generous. Few practicing engineers acquire substantial riches through their professional practice alone. One intangible reward which comes to the professional engineer, particularly to one engaged in consulting work, is the friends he makes in his profession and among his clients. No better advice can be offered a young engineer than to cultivate the art of sincere friendship, for through human contacts come breadth of vision and wisdom, qualities not acquired from textbooks.

Perhaps it is in the intangible satisfaction of adding something to the well-being of mankind that the engineer is most richly rewarded. It is particularly gratifying to the sanitary engineer, for instance, to realize that he has contributed much towards the eradication of typhoid, yellow fever, and other deadly infectious diseases.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## *In Civil and Public Works Engineering*



# RESEARCH

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RESEARCH has been defined as a state of mind, and while it is true that research has different meanings to different people, engineering research is usually applied research in that the efforts of the worker are directed toward obtaining results which will have some practical application.

Research has long been recognized by industry as a vital force in maintaining a position of leadership. Since World War II, research has taken on increasing importance in both government and industry, and current yearly expenditures for research are in excess of five billion dollars. Research is a new kind of frontier for those who are inclined to explore and who have a strong desire to learn more as to "why" and "how" the forces of nature behave and can be controlled for the advancement of mankind. It has been aptly stated that in research "it is not so much what a man knows, but what he can learn."

From these generalizations it is evident that the research worker in any field of engineering must have a strong interest in the basic sciences. Equally important is the fact that he must be adept at communicating with others. This means that he must be able to present his findings in both written and oral form clearly and leave no room for misunderstanding. Each of the branches of civil engineering is different and an individual's interest in any one branch may not be evident until he has had the opportunity to sample all of the fields. Regardless of which specialty finally attracts him, however, it is important to note that mathematics, physics and chemistry are basic requirements. Mathematics is the most useful tool that the research man has at his command. Without a thorough understanding of mathematics, through the calculus and differential equations, and an appreciation of statistical methods, the engineer in research will find that his capacity to learn and understand will be limited. He will find many future paths closed or complex.

Of equal importance is the subject of physics. In particular the

civil engineer must possess a thorough understanding of the mechanics of both solids and fluids. This understanding provides the basis on which the engineer can learn and understand the effects of both stationary and moving forces on bodies at rest and in motion. Knowing how such forces act and react and why solids and fluids behave as they do when subjected to external and internal forces forms the foundation on which can be built the superstructure of applied research and development, particularly in the fields of structures and hydraulics.

The nature of materials, their composition, how they may be altered and the relation between their physical and chemical properties demands of the civil engineer in research, an interest and understanding of chemistry. Those interested in sanitary engineering research must, of course, lean heavily on chemistry if an understanding of water and sewage treatment processes is to be had, and if new and improved processes are to be developed.

Thus at the high school level the young man or woman who thinks engineering research may be a

likely career would do well to strengthen his or her program in the basic sciences. At the college level the best preparation for a research career in civil engineering would be to obtain as a first step the Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. The regular curriculum provides the student with the necessary background of fundamental course work and at the same time, through a series of specialized courses, provides an introduction to the various fields in civil engineering. Most universities and colleges have room for elective courses in their curricula, or offer options in specialized branches. In the event that the student's interest in any particular branch has been stimulated, he may through the selection of an option, or by judicious use of his elective courses, strengthen his program by including additional work in the engineering sciences. Faculty advisors are always available to help in the selection of those courses which will prove most useful in preparing the student for his future work.

History offers a continuous record of the engineer's ability in creative design. But of equal importance is the fact that the creative design, developed from fundamental principles, is practical and becomes a useful structure. Among the personal qualities that the research engineer must possess in large measure is intellectual curiosity. His desire to learn more must give him personal satisfaction and be an enjoyable experience. This desire to learn and its subsequent fulfillment continues to enrich the storehouse of information that the research engineer possesses and broadens his vision, thus permitting him to draw from his background information and techniques that will aid in visualizing the logical steps in the development of a project.

Some people have the mistaken concept that a research worker is a "lone wolf" puttering away in a laboratory and suddenly striking upon a startling discovery. Such a concept is far from actuality. Teamwork in engineering research is vital to successful accomplishment and individual discovery is a rare occurrence. To be successful the research worker must be a sociable person, able to get along with others with ease, and be comfortable in his associations, not only with those with whom he works and exchanges ideas, but also with

those who are to make use of his findings. His social consciousness extends beyond the individual contacts that he makes since he realizes that his work frequently has broad social implications. This is particularly so in civil engineering research since new developments in this field of engineering are generally concerned with public works and must gain public acceptance if their full usefulness is to be realized.

In a sense almost every major civil engineering project has an element of research in its conception, design and construction. Unlike other branches of engineering in which frequently the goal is mass production of a consistently uniform product, most major civil engineering projects are custom built. They are designed and constructed to fulfill a particular need in a particular location. A notable exception to this, of course, is in airplane production in which the structural engineer plays an important role. This is a field in which the stress analyst will find research opportunity and in which there is a large demand for civil engineers.

In the atomic energy field, problems in selecting plant sites, in planning urban areas in relation to atomic development and in the design of special structures and facilities are subjects on which additional study and research are taking place. Improvement in methods for the treatment and disposal of radioactive wastes and for the purification of water containing radioactive materials are under investigation by governmental agencies, industries and universities.

In the transportation field, civil engineers are actively engaged in developing improved highway design to accelerate traffic movement, improving surfacing materials and

investigating design of airports and heliports. Electronic surveying, aerial surveys, developments in photogrammetry and other projects in surveying and mapping are samples of the activity in this branch.

Structural engineers are finding new approaches in the analysis and design of prestressed concrete, learning more about effects of vibration on structures and continually critically reviewing analytical methods and theories used in structural design. In the field of fluid mechanics, hydraulic engineering, and hydrology, work continues on such projects as energy losses in flowing fluids, problems in open channel flow, model theory, sediment transport and vortex flow.

Improved methods and new methods for industrial waste treatment, studies on corrosion, research on water treatment, and problems in environmental sanitation are some of the problems of interest to sanitary engineers.

It is not unusual for those interested in research in civil engineering to gain experience after graduation and then return to school to obtain post-graduate training. This often proves to be of unusual value since practical experience broadens the outlook of the student and the subject material in advanced courses has greater meaning.

Financial rewards, as salary, for research workers is comparable with other positions in civil engineering; but by far the greatest reward is the satisfaction that the worker receives in realizing that his work may aid in solving a difficult problem at the same time that he is fulfilling his desire to learn. The research environment is a pleasant one. There may be many and long hours of hard work, but there is never a deadening routine.

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**A registered Professional Engineer, he has served as consulting engineer on municipal and industrial waste treatment problems. He is a member of the Research Committee of the FSIWA and a member of the Sanitary Engineering and Occupational Health Study Section on the National Institute of Health Division of Research Grants. In 1955 he and two co-workers received the FSIWA Harrison Prescott Eddy medal for outstanding research.**

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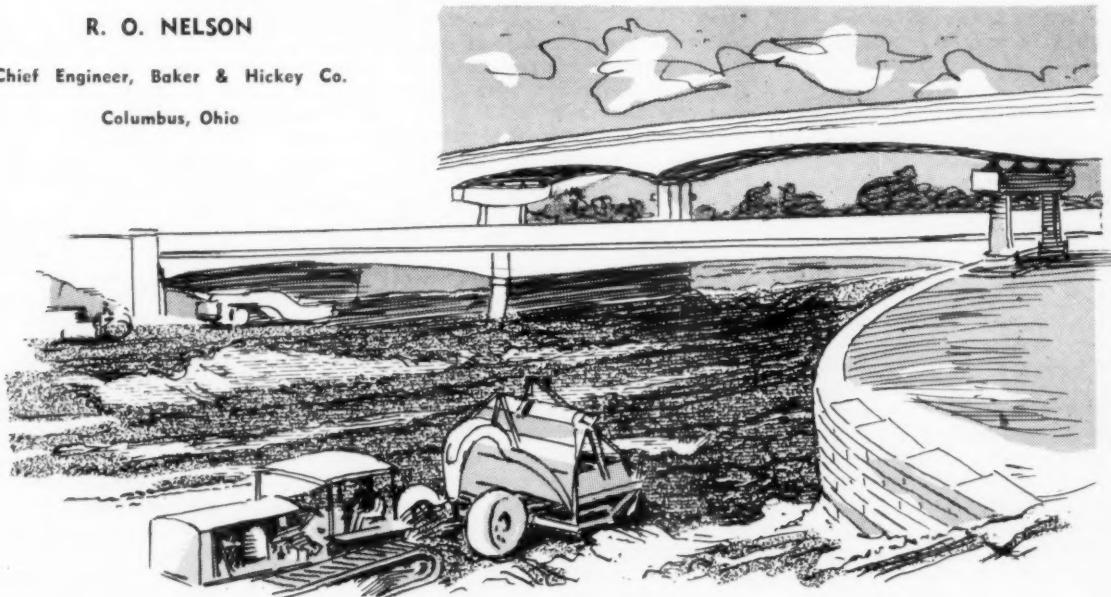
# OPPORTUNITIES

## *In Civil and Public Works Engineering*

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# CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTING

ENGINEERS have been employed by large contracting companies for many years. These companies often combine engineering design activity with construction operations to produce for the client or customer a complete facility or structure. The engineers employed by such organizations are specialists in a particular field, such as designers, estimators, erection and special installation experts, mechanical and electrical men. The construction industry is so diversified that the employment opportunity for engineers is very great.

Civil engineers are employed by these companies in many ways. They obtain preliminary survey information relative to site topography, availability and location of sewer, water, gas and other utilities and location of property lines. In the design section engineers study, evaluate and prepare plans for production line facilities and manufacturing procedures, including roadways, parking facilities, drainage structures and similar work.

In addition to the regular design

section, all large contracting companies employ estimating engineers to make quantity surveys, establish cost record data and prepare estimates of cost for bidding purposes. Engineers are needed also for planning job procedure and progress studies, for the preparation and checking of current progress pay estimates and for the actual layout work in the field.

Contractors specializing in highway grading and paving and in railroad construction employ engineers to prepare mass diagrams for earth moving operations and material hauling information. Contractors specializing in bridges, heavy foundations and hydraulic structures need engineers to design and prepare plans for formwork for reinforced concrete, temporary supporting falsework and shoring, and cofferdam installations.

Small contracting companies, too, have seen the need for and realized the importance of utilizing engineering talent in their organizations. An engineer who can perform the duties necessary in the more limited scope

of activity of these smaller contracting companies has almost limitless opportunity for employment. The contracting business has become so competitive that, in order to survive, every effort must be made to plan the work wisely and thoroughly; equipment and materials must be used to the best advantage; and man hours of labor must be reduced as much as possible.

Opportunities for employment in construction-contracting will continue to be numerous because of the tremendous backlog of highway construction work yet to be done. Continued industrial expansion will require much new construction. Atomic power development is in its infancy. The national defense needs will call for continuing construction activity. Flood protection and river development will contribute its share of projects.

Young men contemplating a career in civil engineering with a special interest in construction-contracting should complete a general engineering course, majoring in

civil engineering with as much supplementary class work as possible in business methods, general accounting and banking. Some universities have courses designed to give a civil engineering student information on contracting practices and problems. Inquiry directed to a contractors' association in a particular state may provide information along this line.

However, the young man contemplating such a career should first satisfy himself that he is physically and temperamentally constituted to engage in this phase of civil engineering. He will be called upon to perform work that may require irregular working hours in adverse weather conditions. He should be able physically to perform the work which may require working in rugged terrain, walking on structural members and engaging in sometimes strenuous construction work. If he likes to see things transformed from a designer's concept to a completed structure and if he is not afraid to tramp through dust and mud and battle the elements, then, and only then, should he consider this phase of civil engineering.

One other aspect that must be considered is the matter of home life. Since projects generally are in widely scattered locations, this must be given serious thought. If a permanent home location is decided upon, the engineer must be able and willing to remain away from his family for considerable periods of time. If the family is to be together, there is the matter of frequent changes of schools for the children, making new contacts and friends at more or less frequent intervals, and living in quarters that may not be equal to those which the family would desire. These are a few of the items that require appraisal.

Upon completion of his academic work the young engineer must choose the particular field in which he wishes to engage. Some experience in plan preparation, in design and in contract administration will be a decided help when a connection is made with a contracting organization. This experience can best be obtained by working for the engineering section of a city, county or state, the Bureau of Public Roads or a consulting engineering firm. If experience can be obtained somewhere along the way by actually working in a trade group, it will afford an opportunity to learn first hand the view point and philosophy of the workmen; something

that will prove extremely beneficial later on.

Early in his career the young engineer should not be afraid to change jobs, if by doing so he can observe how several contractors handle their work and thus learn to evaluate methods and ideas of others. He should not stay in the employ of a contractor who is not willing to explain the merits of various methods, techniques and processes. He should not be afraid to ask questions and should not be content until each question has received a satisfactory answer.

The engineer engaged in the contracting phase of civil engineering will be associated with other professional men and with business people in general; and in addition he will be called upon to work with skilled and unskilled workmen of varying degrees of education and culture. He cannot be a snob and still be successful. He must be willing to help any and all who may call upon him for advice and service. If he enjoys working with these people it will make the work more pleasant and those he helps will reciprocate by a measure of cooperation obtained in no other way. The application of the philosophy of walking the "second mile" pays rich dividends here as in all pursuits. He must learn how to give orders. He must learn to be attentive and thorough in carrying out assignments; to approach his problem with an open mind and from as many different angles as possible; to study as much source material as is available; and to call upon his imagination to the fullest possible extent.

What rewards accrue to the engineer who makes a career in the construction-contracting field? From the monetary viewpoint they compare favorably with almost any phase of civil engineering and ex-

ceed that paid by many. As a general rule, the ability of an engineer well qualified for work in the construction-contracting field is more readily recognized and, consequently, he is more adequately reimbursed than are civil engineers employed in many other fields.

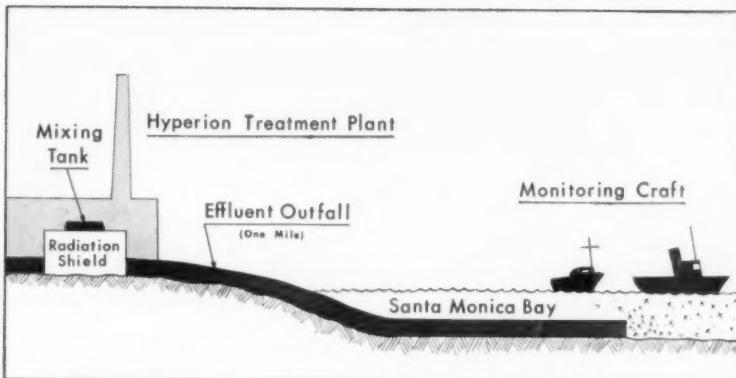
The opportunities for allied assignments are many. Construction engineers are often selected to be project managers or chosen for executive positions of various kinds. Such assignments usually have a supplemental pay schedule which is based on a percentage of job earnings. These, of course, are used as an incentive to produce greater job profits for the company, yet they afford an excellent opportunity to increase the employee's remuneration. Many engineers, after having accumulated sufficient knowledge and experience, pass from the employee class to their own business.

There are many rewards other than those having monetary value. These rewards accrue to the engineering employee as well as to the contractor. To have been a part of an organization that has brought together the skill of management, engineering "know how", materials, and the combined effort of many different kinds of human endeavor, be it skilled or that of the most humble type, is reward in itself. This pride of accomplishment is a definite reward. The knowledge that problems have been solved, that circumstances and conditions which seemed insurmountable have been taken in stride, that the goal has been reached in spite of adverse weather and capricious nature; all of these give an engineer a feeling of satisfaction that surely must be classified as reward. He has the reward of viewing the completed project, knowing full well that he has had a definite share in its completion.

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R. O. Nelson graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in Civil Engineering with a major in structural engineering. After graduation he worked for the City of Aurora, Illinois, and after that took employment with The Standish Engineering Corp. in Chicago. In this work he was engaged in numerous phases of construction activity. Following this he was with the Ohio Department of Highways, starting as a bridge engineer in one of the division offices and later being transferred to the central office at Columbus. At the time of separation from state employment, in 1945, he was serving as Chief Engineer of the Construction Bureau. During the next few years he operated his own construction business. In 1948 Mr. Nelson became associated with The Baker and Hickey Co. of Columbus, Ohio, general contractors specializing in heavy construction, and is now serving as project manager and chief engineer of the Company's activities. He is a registered professional engineer in Ohio and member of Theta Tau and Chi Epsilon Engineering Fraternities as well as the NSPE, OSPE, and the Columbus Engineers' Club.

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● **RADIOACTIVE** isotopes, introduced in outfall line, trace effluent in ocean.

## RADIOACTIVE TRACERS

### Check Dispersion of Sewage Effluent

**R**AADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES were used for the first time to trace the dispersion of sewage effluent in ocean waters, according to a report from Hyperion Engineers, the organization now designing more than \$40 million worth of additions and improvements for Los Angeles' sewerage system and the Hyperion Treatment plant.

This unusual application is part of oceanographic studies designed to insure against beach pollution when the modified plant, with its increased flow of sewage, is placed into operation. The experiment had the approval of the U. S. Public Health Service and Atomic Energy officials as well as State and Local health authorities. Radioactivity in the effluent, even at the point of introduction into bay waters, was computed to be substantially less than the concentration permitted for drinking water, as established by the National Bureau of Standards.

Hyperion Engineers is a joint venture organization of three local engineering firms participating in the designs under contract with the Los Angeles Board of Public Works. They are: Holmes & Narver, Inc., Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall; and Koebig & Koebig. The actual nuclear tracer experiment was conducted jointly by Hyperion Engineers, Nuclear Science & Engineering Corp. of Pittsburgh, Pa., Hyperion Plant personnel and the Hancock Foundation of the University of Southern California.

During the recent test, introduction of the radioactive material—Scandium-46—was handled by NSEC technicians who were also charged with the procurement and shipment of the tracer. It was mixed

with effluent from the Hyperion Plant and discharged into the sea through the existing outfall. Scientists aboard a laboratory ship took radioactive measurements at various depths and positions to determine dilution and rate and direction of diffusion. This phase covered a full day and an area of 25 square miles.

Hyperion Engineers, in cooperation with Hyperion Plant personnel, provided equipment necessary

for the experiment. This included a shielded tank with agitator, flow meter, valves and controls, so that the proportions of Scandium-46 and sewage effluent remain constant throughout the one-hour period of introduction.

Selection of Scandium-46 was made after a thorough search for a suitable tracer. In all, some 21 substances were studied. Scandium-46 was deemed ideal since it meets all requirements for radiological health standards, has a short half-life, and its cost is not prohibitive. The twenty curies required for the experiment were obtained from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and shipped in five separate containers, each weighing about 250 pounds and containing four curies of Scandium-46 in about 25 milliliters (less than one ounce) of hydrochloric acid, indicating that practically all the shipping weight is shielding material.

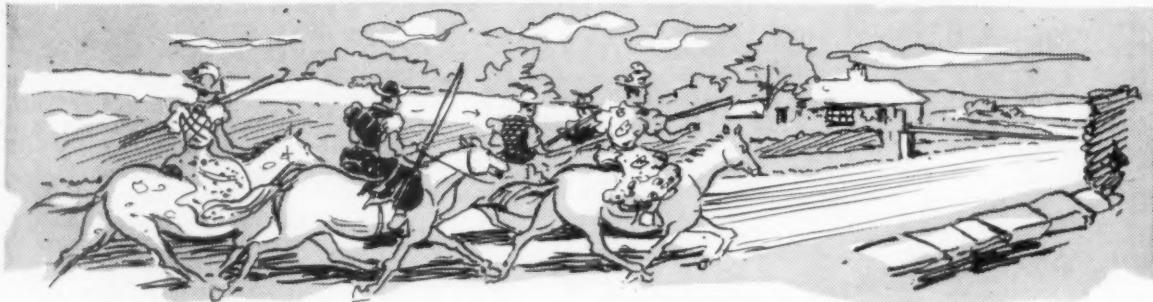
Prior to the actual experiment one "dry run" was conducted, using lanthanum chloride, an inactive substance, in place of the Scandium. Also before the actual test the system was preconditioned to keep absorption of the radioactive materials to a minimum. The test was run between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. when effluent from the Hyperion plant is discharged at a minimum rate of about 5 million gallons per hour.

## Clay Pipe Used To Drain Toe of Dam

**A**N EARTHEN DAM is being erected at the San Gabriel River Improvement, Whittier Narrows Flood Control Basin, in the Los Angeles Drainage Area, California. Over 19,000 feet of large diameter vitrified clay pipe will serve as a drain in the toe of the dam. Every 50 feet across the toe, 20-ft.

long collection lines of 6-inch perforated clay pipe are being laid. These lines are designed to pick up the seepage water collected by laterals laid in a pervious backfill and carry it to the main trunk line which removes it completely. As a result, the body of the dam is kept dry and stable.





## WILL THE REBECCAS RIDE AGAIN?

*History records many outbursts of opposition to toll roads. Though public protest today turns to less violent and direct methods than those used by our forefathers, the reaction of highway users should be considered by present-day planners.*

**W**ILL THE construction of the many miles of new toll roads in this country arouse a new version of the "Rebeccas" who tore down toll gates and raided toll houses in England 120 years ago because they resented paying a fee to travel on their highways?

In the late 1830s, farmers in the West of England disguised themselves in women's clothing and rode around the country at night tearing down the toll houses on the new toll roads. They were called the Rebeccas and their depredations were quelled only by troops. For hundreds of years, their ancestors had been accustomed to ride or walk free on the King's Highway so they objected violently to paying for this cherished privilege.

With the passing of the old turbulent order of the Middle Ages, peace settled on the countryside. This brought private carriages and public stage coaches out on the highways which were little more than muddy paths except for the few roads which had come down from Roman times. This new traffic required all-weather, surfaced and wide highways. But because of the difficulty of compelling persons living along the roads to pay for their improvement and because of lack of funds in the national treasury, Parliament granted franchises to companies to construct highways and to charge tolls for travelling on them.

History repeats itself in human affairs. About 10 years ago a movement was started in this country to

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build and improve highways and maintain them from the proceeds of tolls paid by travellers, essentially as was done in England a century ago.

It was becoming clear to good roads enthusiasts that if we are to have cross-country highways adequate to handle the growing motor traffic, fiscal support must come from some source other than gasoline taxes which are becoming dangerously high. So in the past 10 years, projects have been devised for new toll roads in many parts of the country. More than 5,000 miles have either been constructed or are contemplated. The states across which they will run are their sponsors and issue the revenue bonds to pay for them. The tolls, paid by the travelling users, will pay off the bond issues and usually the costs of their maintenance. The well-founded hope is that when the bonds are paid off, the tolls either will be abolished or diminished.

But this radical change from our tradition of free highways is arousing opposition like the Rebecca movement of a century ago. The governor of Colorado recently announced that so far as he was concerned, there would be no toll roads

in his state. Petitions have been circulated in Seattle protesting the location of a new toll highway through this city. There is a movement in some of the western Chicago suburbs to oppose a proposed toll road through that district. The Public Roads Association of Missouri has retained a Kansas City advertising firm to launch a campaign against toll highways in that state.

However, the pressure for more, wider and faster highways is likely to be much stronger than these sporadic bursts of opposition which are not sufficiently potent to halt construction.

Building and maintaining major highways from tolls is not new but dates back hundreds of years. The term "turn-pike" which is what some of these toll roads are called, has an interesting origin. In medieval times, pikes or sharply pointed poles were planted across roads as a defensive measure against enemy horsemen. Thus in later years a road with a bar across it which would only be raised after a traveller paid his fee, was known as a "turn-pike". "Down the pike" is a related expression.

In 1346, King Edward III of England granted a franchise to a hermit named William Phillippe to erect a gate and collect tolls on a stretch of highway near London if he would keep it in passable condition. Later there were many such road custodians throughout the kingdom; but it wasn't until 300 years later that road-building was really launched in England. Rapidly growing commerce required better roads. But abutting property couldn't raise enough taxes to build them.

So in 1663, Parliament enacted a law which authorized the granting of franchises to private turn-pike

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## Baxter Named Chairman of Nominating Committee

Newark, New Jersey—Edward P. Decher, Secretary of the Joint Sewer Commission of Newark and President of the American Public Works Association recently named Samuel S. Baxter, Water Commissioner for the City of Philadelphia as Chairman of the APWA Nominating Committee. Others appointed to serve on the committee are: John Morin, City Engineer, Oakland, California; Ralph Graham, Superintendent of Public Works, Davenport, Iowa; Wendell La Due, Superintendent and Chief Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, Akron, Ohio; and August Zentgraf, Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, Newark, New Jersey. The Committee will propose a slate of officers and directors to the membership in the near future, and the results of the election will be announced at the 1956 Public Works Congress and the Equipment Show in Fort Worth, Texas, September 23-26.

## Tennessee Chapter Elects Officers at Smoky Meeting

Gatlinburg, Tennessee—R. V. Moschell, City Engineer of Alcoa, was elected president of the Tennessee Chapter of the APWA at a meeting held in the beautiful resort town of Gatlinburg in the Smoky Mountains on May 15th. Mr. Moschell succeeds W. E. Stone, Commissioner of Public Works of Lebanon who served as president of the chapter for the past year. Henry Loeb, Commissioner of Public Works of Memphis was elected Vice-President and Murphy Snoderly, Engineering Consultant for the Municipal Technical Advisory Service of the University of Tennessee was named Secretary-

Treasurer. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 17th Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Municipal League which headlined an address by Senator Albert Gore and another by Governor Frank G. Clem-



Tennessee Chapter elections named Murphy Snoderly, left, Sec'y-Treas. and R. V. Moschell as President, succeeding W. E. Stone, right.

ent. The chapter meeting itself featured a very informative paper titled, "Slurry Seal Coats With Emulsified Asphalt", which was presented by John B. Dunbar, District Engineer of the Asphalt Institute. L. H. Clouser, Consulting Engineer of the firm of Wiedeman & Singleton of Atlanta, Georgia also gave an interesting talk on Gatlinburg's new sewage disposal plant and led the group on a guided tour through the plant.

## Konefes Named Prexy of Chicago Chapter

Chicago, Illinois—Approximately 135 members and guests attended the annual spring meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter at Chevy Chase Country Club on Thursday, May 24. A golf meet preceded the afternoon discussion sessions on street and sanitation problems; while the evening was devoted

to a fun-for-all dinner meeting with prizes galore. Newscaster Fahey Flynn, was the guest speaker. Al Konefes, Superintendent, Bureau of Equipment, of Chicago was elected president of the chapter to succeed C. L. Baylor, Village Engineer of Downers Grove. Bill Smaha, Administrative Assistant, of Brookfield was named first vice president while Armond Lund, Superintendent of Public Works of Wilmette was named second vice-president. The Secretary-Treasurer's post went to Charles Sramek, Superintendent of the 41st Ward of the City of Chicago. Jack H. Gould, Editor, "Street Engineering", Chicago, was moderator of the street problem panel and Robert Anderson, Superintendent of Public Works of Winnetka led the afternoon discussion on sanitation problems.

## SMU vs Notre Dame

Dallas, Texas—Football fans attending the 1956 PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS AND EQUIPMENT SHOW in Fort Worth, September 23-26, will want to attend the opening game of the 1956 Football season at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Saturday night September 22nd. Notre Dame will be pitted against Southern Methodist University of the Southwest Conference. The game will start at 8:00 pm. Applications for tickets, priced at \$5.00 each, will be received by mail only beginning August 1st. Tickets will be mailed by September 15th. Send cashier's check or money order to: SMU Athletic Department, Dallas, Texas; and enclose 25¢ mailing fee with each order.

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## Upstate New Yorkers Hold Annual Spring Meeting

Niagara Falls, New York—Over one hundred members and guests of the Upstate New York Chapter had a honey of a time at the chapter's annual spring meeting in the famous "honeymoon" city of Niagara Falls, May 13-15th. Mayor Calvin Keller spoke at the opening luncheon which featured a talk on air pollution by Arnold Arch, of the host city and another on sewage disposal by Fred Crane, General Manager of the Buffalo Sewer Authority. One of the highlights of the meeting

was a guided tour through the \$680 million Hydro Electric Power Plant at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada with Sir Adam Beck serving as Commentator. Members and guests also inspected the new \$8 million Water Filtration Plant and \$1.5 million Incinerator Plant at Niagara Falls, New York. Dr. Marvin A. Rapp, of the Buffalo Port Authority was the guest speaker at the annual dinner.

The business meeting featured a talk by APWA President Edward P. Decher of Newark, New Jersey and the election of officers. John A. Ulinski, Commissioner of Parks of

Buffalo was elected president to succeed David Mann, Director of Public Works of Niagara Falls, while Arvid Karkkainen, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Rochester was elected Vice-President. John F. Hagerty, Senior Administrative Assistant, Division of Streets, Buffalo was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

## Stancer Named President of New Washington Chapter

Yakima, Washington—The initial meeting of the newly organized Washington State Chapter of the APWA was held in Yakima on May 9th. William A. Stancer, Pierce County Engineer of Tacoma was elected first president of the new chapter; Chester E. Murray, City Engineer of Wenatchee was named vice president, and Chester L. Waggener, City Engineer of Pullman was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Others named to the Executive Committee were: P. N. Royal, Principal Engineer, Seattle; L. P. Staman, Director of Public Works, Tacoma; Robert Anderson, Construction Engineer, also of Tacoma, and George S. McLean, Commissioner of Public Works of Wenatchee. The program featured an excellent talk on "Soils Testing for Street Construction" by Herb Humphries, Soils Engineer, Department of Highways, State of Washington and another titled "Street Lighting—Present and Future" by Frank J. Miehe, District Lighting Specialist, General Electric Company. D. F. Herrick, Executive Director of the APWA was the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting. The program also included panel discussions covering contract plans and specifications, storm drainage, sidewalks, and street maintenance. One of the most significant actions taken by the new chapter was the adoption of a proposal advanced by W. E. Parker, City Engineer of Seattle that a drainage committee be established to conduct a thorough study of the storm water drainage problem and submit recommendations to the chapter membership at the next meeting.

## Kentucky Chapter Holds First Meeting at Louisville

Louisville, Kentucky—Over forty members and guests attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Kentucky Chapter of the APWA at the Beargrass Creek pumping station in Louisville on Thursday, May 24th. The meeting was arranged by Earl Patton, City Engineer of Owensboro who is the Association's State Chair-

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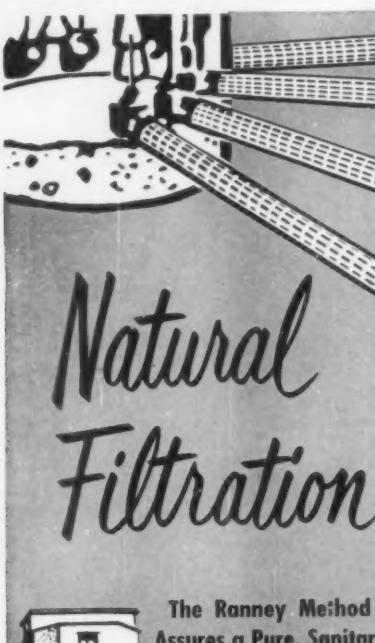
man in Kentucky, and a Local Committee headed by Wallace "Tubby" Sanders, City Engineer of Louisville. The morning session was devoted to a discussion of street and highway problems and an inspection trip through the city's new \$5 million pumping station. The afternoon session, which followed a luncheon at the pumping station included a business meeting and a general discussion of refuse and sewage disposal problems. Robert Bugher, Assistant Director of the American Public Works Association of Chicago, discussed the activities and

services of the APWA at the business meeting. Robert Davis, Superintendent of Public Works of Covington was elected to serve as the first president of the new chapter. John Leake, Director of the Department of Sanitation of Louisville was named Vice-President, and R. S. Weikle, Jr., Superintendent of Sanitation of Owensboro was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Others elected to serve on the Executive Committee were "Tubby" Sanders, City Engineer, Louisville; James Marshall, City Engineer, Frankfort; W. D. Anderson, General Manager,

Sanitation District #1, Covington, and John A. Hettler, City Manager, Owensboro.

#### N.Y.-N.J. Chapter Visits Babylon Town Incinerator

Babylon, N. Y.—Attendance was high at the Spring Meeting of the N. Y.-N. J. Metropolitan Chapter, when members and their friends were guests of the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York. The meeting was arranged by Donald C. Muncy, Town Supervisor, with the assistance of the Long Island Park Commission and the New York State Department of Public Works. The busy program for the day included inspections of the Town's big new incinerator and a variety of equipment exhibits at the incinerator site. Following a buffet lunch, courtesy of the Township, an address of welcome was made by Supervisor Muncy. Milton E. Goul, Dist. Engr. of the New York State Dept. of Public Works spoke on "Coordination Between State and Local Governments in the Highway Program," and Henry W. Taylor, Consulting Engineer of Freeport, N. Y., described the Babylon Septic Tank-Digester which is under construction adjacent to the incinerator and which is designed to dispose of pumpings from septic tanks and cesspools in a nuisance-free manner. Chapter President Frank Klaess, Supt. of Public Works of Rockville Centre, N. Y., conducted the meeting in his usual capable manner. Field inspection trips were made to nearby recreation facilities, including the Jones Beach Amphitheatre and the Marina at Captree State Park. A cocktail and dinner and the La Grange Inn topped off an enjoyable day.



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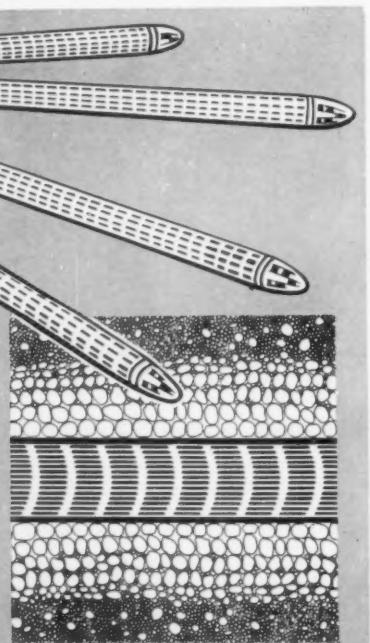
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#### Wind-Measuring Stations Trace Polluted Air

Buffalo, New York—Techniques for tracing air paths associated with heavy pollution concentrations by means of a network of wind-measuring stations were described at a recent meeting of the Air Pollution Control Association in Buffalo, New York. Edwin K. Kauper, senior meteorologist with the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District, explained that trajectories have been constructed for heavy smog situations from 1952 to 1955, showing the routes taken by air parcels from the time they crossed the coast-line until they arrived at an air sampling station loaded with pollution. Evidence presented by

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these studies, based on reports from 64 stations, has forced a re-evaluation of pollution sources since nearly all cases indicated a flow over predominately residential rather than industrial sections of the Los Angeles Basin.

Studies of the air movement on smoggy days indicate that the air aloft is not such that pollution could be brought to the central part of Los Angeles from an area other than that described by the path of construction based on wind reports.

### Mayor Erwin of Tarrant Heads Alabama Chapter

Montgomery, Alabama—The 1956 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Chapter was held in Montgomery, on May 3 and 4. Members and guests were welcomed to the host city by Mayor W. A. (Tacky) Gayle. The program featured a panel discussion on public works problems and a paper on "Refuse Collection and Disposal" by Sam D. Lasseter, Commissioner of Public Works of Gadsden. The delegates at the meeting also inspected Montgomery's New Municipal Garage and—on the lighter side, enjoyed an old fashioned barbecue which is so famous in the deep South. Felix (Bud) Erwin, Mayor of Tarrant, Alabama was elected president of the chapter to succeed Oliver P. Wright, Superintendent of Maintenance for the City of Montgomery. Neal McRae, Superintendent of Streets and Sanitation, for Birmingham was elected Vice-President, and Joe E. Dunn, also of Birmingham, was re-elected to the post of Secretary-Treasurer.

### 350 Attend Western Conference

Oakland, California—The 1956 Western Public Works Conference held at the Leamington Hotel in

Oakland, on April 15, 16 and 17, attracted over 350 Public Works Officials from the eleven Western states. John A. Morin, President of the Northern California Chapter, A. P. W. A., presided at the opening session on Monday, April 16, which was devoted to a discussion of "The Federal Aid Highway Program." Principal speaker at this session was Mr. A. C. Clark, Washington, D. C., Deputy Commissioner of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. Mr. Raymond Archibald, Division Engineer, U. S. B. P. R., was moderator of the panel which discussed assigned topic. The panel consisted of Mr. R. H. Baldock, State Highway Engineer of Oregon, Mr. O. R. Dinsmore, Assistant Director of Highways of the State of Washington, Mr. A. C. Keith, Road Commissioner of Riverside County, and Mr. John Murphy, Principal Highway Engineer of the California Division of Highways.

The afternoon General Session covered the general subject, "Functions of Public Works Under Disaster Conditions." Wesley McClure, President of the City Managers' Section of The League of California Cities, presided at this session which featured Mr. M. Justin Herman, Regional Administrator of the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency as the principal speaker. A panel composed of City Managers and Engineers from recent California disaster areas contributed greatly to this timely season.

The morning meeting on April 17 consisted of two concurrent sessions, one on "The Professional Manpower Problem" and another on "Financing Capital Improvements." At the "Manpower" session, Mr. Robert Glenn of the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering presided and introduced the principal speaker, Morrough P. O'Brien, Dean of Engineering of the University of California, who spoke on "The Fu-

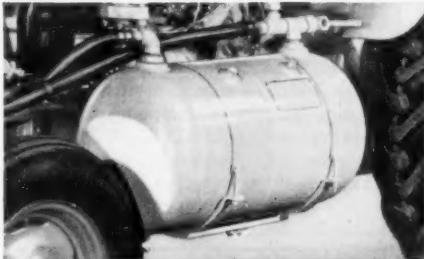


C. A. Harrell, City Manager of Cincinnati, speaking at recent meeting of the Ohio Chapter. Others are Thaddeus Montgomery, City Engr., Cincinnati; Roy J. Fiemeyer, Director of Public Works, Hamilton; and Leo Flotron, Chief Highway Engr., Dayton.

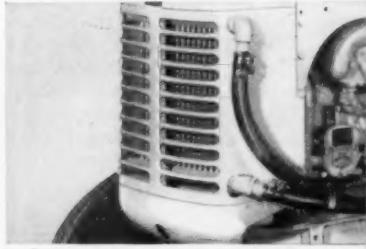
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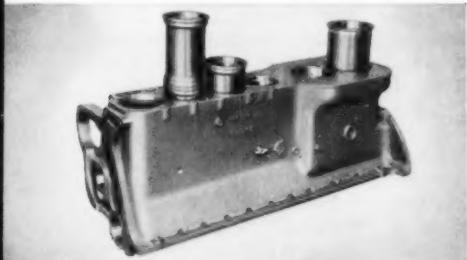
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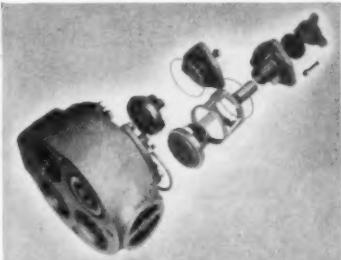
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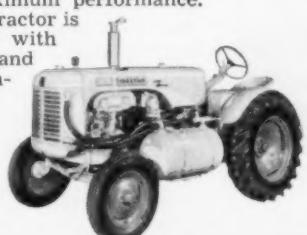
✓ **Wrap-around fenders are a must.** This is a major safety factor, particularly when the tractor is operating on rough ground or on highways and streets.



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ture Availability of Professional Engineers." A panel discussion followed Dean O'Brien's address. This panel was moderated by Professor Harmer E. Davis, Director of the I.T.T.E., and was composed of Mr. Wayne Snowden, of the Institute, Mr. Richard Gallagher, Director of Public Works of the City of San Diego, Mr. W. G. Burris, District Manager of Remington-Rand, Admiral Carl A. Trexel, of The Tudor Engineering Company, and Mr. Scott Lathrop, Supervising Highway Engineer of the California Division of Highways.

The concurrent session on "Financing Capital Improvements" had Mr. Richard Carpenter, Executive Director of The League of California Cities, as its presiding officer. Paul Oppermann, Director of Planning of the City and County of San Francisco, was the principal speaker. Following his address, a panel of experts in the fields of bond financing, assessment districts, and lease purchase agreements discussed the various phases of financing capital improvements. Mr. J. Roy Holland, Director of Research, California Taxpayers' Association, gave "The

Taxpayer's Viewpoint."

The first General Session on the afternoon of April 17 dealt with "Planning Public Works." Presiding at this session was Emil Kaleschke, Member of the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities. Walter Hahn, City Manager of Monterey, spoke on "The Value of Advance Planning." This was followed by a panel discussion of the subject with Harold Flannery, Director of Public Works of San Jose serving as moderator. The panel included Lyall Pardee, City Engineer of Los Angeles, Reuben Owens, City Engineer of San Francisco, Dr. Neil Houston, Senior Economist of the Stanford Research Institute, and George E. Wade, Director of Public Works, Las Vegas, Nevada.

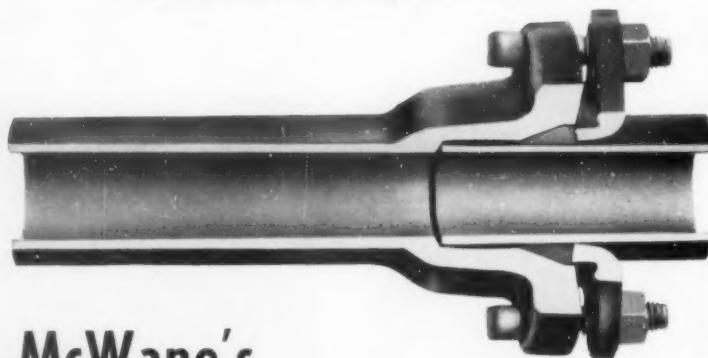
The final session was devoted to the subject, "Constructing Public Works in the West." Milton Offner, Past President of the Association, presided at this meeting and introduced the principal speaker, Frank B. Durkee, Director of Public Works for the State of California. Mr. Durkee's remarks dealt with the State's highway, water resources, and building program and were of considerable interest to the assembled delegates.

APWA President Edward P. Decher of Newark, New Jersey was the guest speaker at a "Get Acquainted Luncheon" on the first day of the meeting, and Mayor Clifford E. Rishell of Oakland was the featured speaker at the conference's closing banquet.

#### Michigan Chapter Tours Dow Chemical Plant

Midland, Michigan—Fifty members and guests attended the May meeting of the Michigan Chapter which featured a tour through the Dow Chemical Plant and an inspection of public works projects in the host city of Midland. During the forenoon, the group met at the Dow Auditorium where they were welcomed by City Manager, Ray Fry and Dr. W. H. Schuette, General Manager of the huge chemical plant. Speakers during the morning meeting were T.J. Powers, Superintendent of Waste Disposal at Dow, who talked on industrial waste disposal, and Gerald Decker, Assistant Superintendent of Power, whose talk dealt with power plant operations and smoke abatement. Arrangements for the meeting were made by C. A. "Chic" Johnson, City Engineer of Midland and Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Chapter.

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### Requirements for Lawn Sprinkling

The demand for water for lawn sprinkling is great in many cities, and will continue to increase as movement of populations to suburbs increases. The peak demands generally occur on week-ends during daylight saving. In some places underground lawn-sprinkling systems are being installed, which greatly increase the demand. Several studies of rates demanded are described in the article. At Levittown, Pa., the maximum hourly rate in June, 1954, was ten times the average daily demand for the year. In industrial cities the week-end sprinkling load will not be enough to offset the week-day industrial load. The installation of distribution storage tanks or adoption of alternate-day sprinkling programs generally results in pumping economy. Milwaukee found that it would be necessary to double the plant capacity in order to meet the sprinkling demands; and has installed large storage units some distance from the pumping stations, with large-capacity pumps, which pump into the distribution system water which fills the storage units overnight. To collect the additional revenue needed for providing water for lawn sprinkling, some cities increase rates generally; some superimpose a surcharge for hose bibs and underground irrigation systems.

"The Lawn-Sprinkling Load." By Angus D. Henderson; L. S. Finch, of Indianapolis Water Co.; Melvin P. Hatcher, Dir. Water Dept., Kansas City, Mo.; and Edward F. Tanghe, Supt. Milwaukee W. W. Jour. AWW Ass'n, April.

### Storage to Meet Peak Demands

Inability to meet increasing peak demands must often be remedied by increasing pumping capacity and even by adding distribution mains; but in many cases it may be cheaper and equally satisfactory to supply

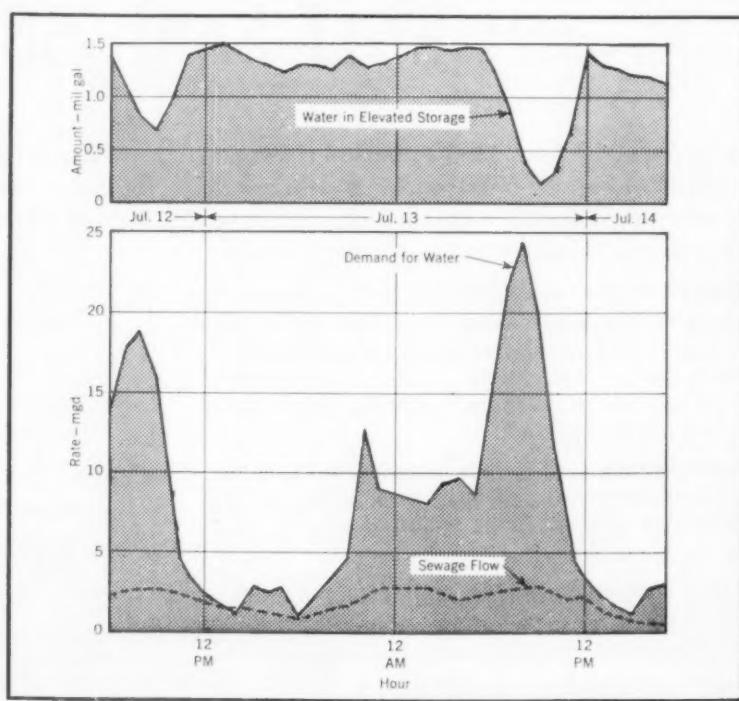
storage designed and located to equalize the head on the distribution system. This method has been adopted by the S. E. Oakland Co. Water Authority. A typical graph of peak-day demands showed that the pumps could operate at a continuously constant rate throughout the 24 hours if storage be furnished for 25 percent of the day's demand. Should the peak demand of occasional days exceed the pumping capacity, storage would have to exceed this amount to spread the excess over several days preceding a peak day. The author considers that a safe procedure is to determine the capacity of low-lift pumps and treatment facilities by the maximum-day demand, and the capacity of booster pumping and storage by the maximum-hour demand. The Authority employs both elevated

tanks and steel ground reservoirs with booster pumps. The cost of an elevated tank up to 3 mg is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times that of a steel ground reservoir of comparable capacity.

"Peak Demand Storage." By George G. Schmid, Engr.-Mgr. Jour. AWW Ass'n, April.

### Water-Borne Infectious Hepatitis

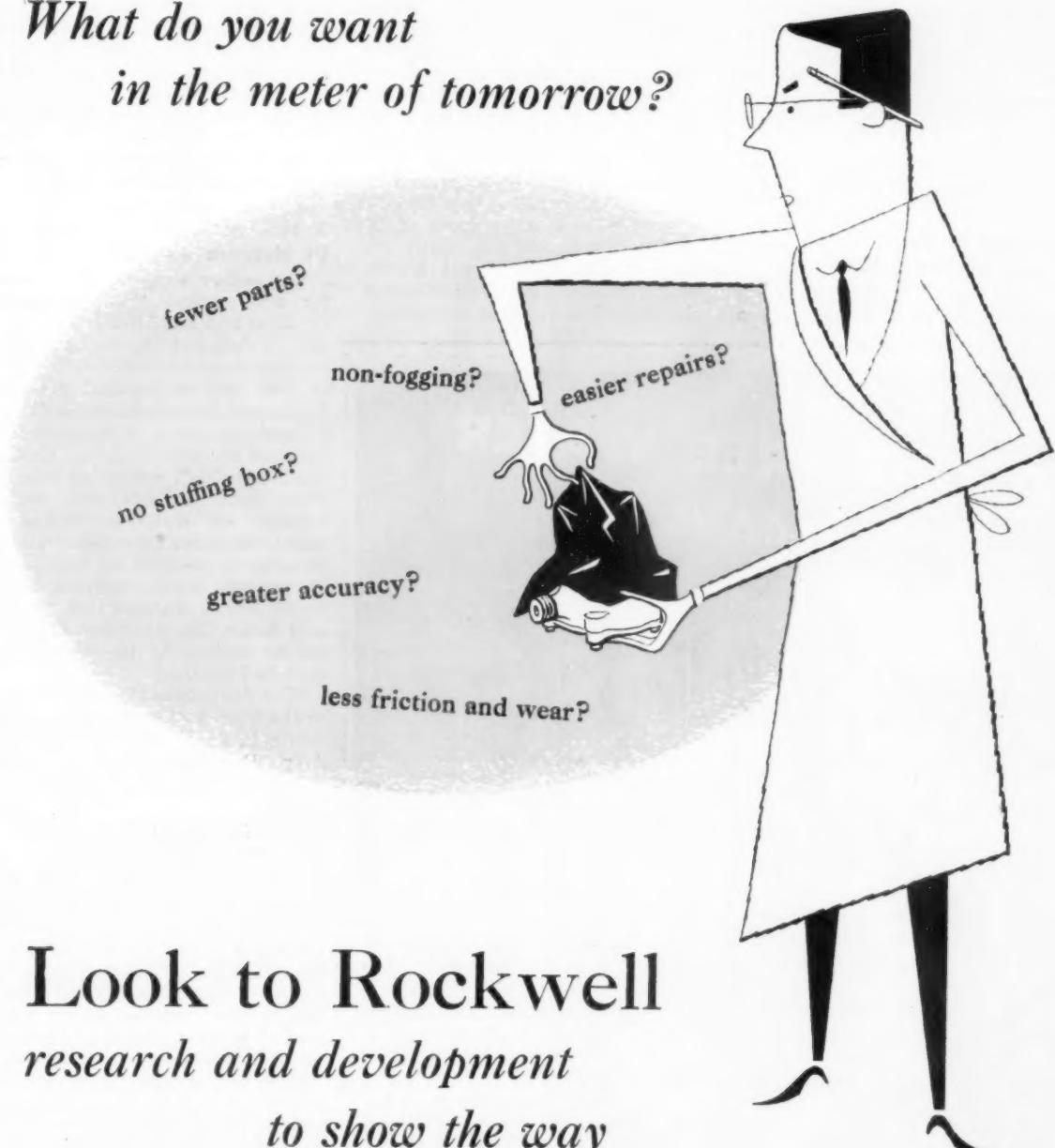
In New Delhi, India, there occurred in December, 1955, an outbreak of infectious hepatitis in which 25 percent of the population was affected. This was probably the first instance where coagulated, filtered and chlorinated water was clearly and unmistakably involved. This furnishes further proof that water can be an important factor in the spread of this disease; also that filters do not remove the virus;



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and that, under conditions existing in Delhi, chlorine did not inactivate it. However, it is believed that when water has been very well clarified by passage through a diatomite filter, a free chlorine residual of 0.5 ppm or a little more will inactivate the virus.

"Water-Borne Outbreak of Infectious Hepatitis." *Public Works*, June.

#### Recharge of Ground Water at Peoria, Ill.

Pumping ground water at Peoria has lowered the water level to a

dangerous point, and recharge from the river has been provided to increase the available well supply. Insufficient ground was available for recharging by ordinary methods, and a recharge pit is used, which is filled by gravity flow from the river. The bottom is 10 or 12 feet above ground water level. The pit is in gravel with 2.1% passing a 200-mesh screen. It has a 40 x 62½-ft. bottom, with a water depth of 12 ft. The bottom and side slopes are covered with 6 in. of pea gravel, which prevents silt from clogging the ground. A recharge rate of 20-

25 mgd per acre has been achieved, ¾ of which is through the sides. Chlorine is added to the water at the rate of 3 ppm, which gives a satisfactory quality at the wells from which it is drawn.

"High-Rate Recharge of Ground Water by Infiltration." By Max Suter, of Illinois State Water Survey. *Jour. AWW Ass'n*, April.

#### A New Method Of Network Analysis

The author suggests as a name for this method "The Hydraulic Gradient Method of Network Analysis." It does not require expensive equipment and is sufficiently rapid to lend itself to practical use. For facilitating the calculation, a device is used consisting of paper scales mounted on wooden disks called a "disk assembly", containing four or more disks. An additional device consists of dial-type indicators called "elevation indicators." A disk assembly is prepared for each pipeline junction being considered, based on its length, diameter and roughness factor. The procedure of making an analysis by use of these is described in detail.

"The Analysis of Complex Waterworks Distribution Networks." By Edwin B. Cobb, of Metcalf & Eddy. *Jour. New England W W Ass'n*, March.

#### Controlled Draft From Reservoirs

Under this general head the *Journal* publishes papers on "Surface and Underground Storage", "Limitary Curve", and "Impounding Reservoirs." Fundamentally, storage is a source of supply from which water may be drawn when needed to meet abnormal demands or other emergencies, or to equate variations in demand. It is desirable, but not necessary, that emergency storage be in tanks or reservoirs from which water will flow by gravity to the place of use. It is convenient, but by no means necessary, that regulatory storage be so situated. Underground storage serves all the functions of surface storage below the pressure gradient. It automatically equalizes variations in supply; can be used to advantage for seasonal regulation; and is particularly useful for equalizing daily variations in water use.

"Surface and Underground Storage". By Raymond A. Hill.

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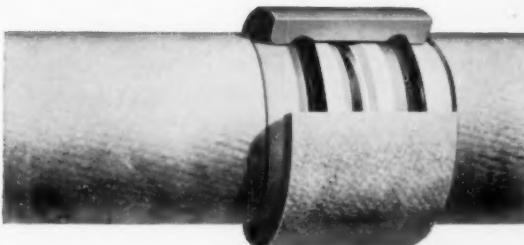
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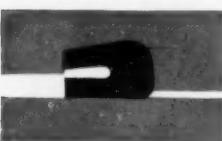
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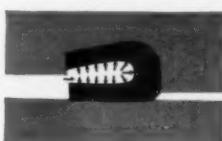


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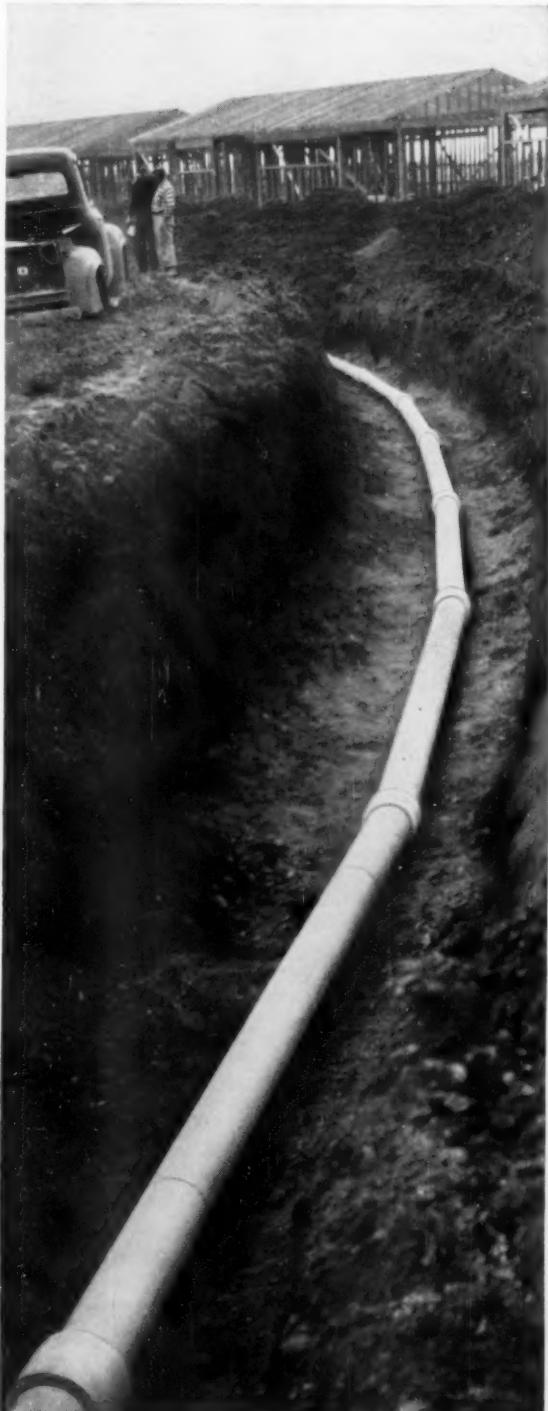


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reservoir storage year after year, and may be worked out for any reservoir or system of reservoirs. The author describes how to prepare and use a "limitary curve" for this purpose. The runoff data for at least 20 years are plotted as a mass curve, and on this a draft curve is drawn. From a comparison of these can be learned the dependable draft during a critical dry period. A plot of the residual stored water volumes throughout the driest period is called the limitary curve, and indicates the minimum reservoir storage at any time when draft should be

limited to the lowest safe rate of withdrawal. A comparison at any time of a curve of current operations with the limitary curve represents the additional storage available, or the approach to the maximum draft that is safe.

"Limitary Curve." By Angus D. Henderson and A. S. Toth, of Hydrotechnis Corp.

New York City uses several sources of supply, with numerous reservoirs, large and small. In order to so control the draft from each source that the reservoirs will be full on the succeeding June, control

charts are prepared, showing the amount of storage required at any given date and the present actual storage. The storage at any given date includes the precipitation held on the watershed in the form of snow and ice.

"Impounding Reservoirs." By Edward J. Clark, Chf. Eng'r, Bureau of Water Supply. *Jour., AWW Ass'n*, April.

#### Plastic Pipe In California

Suburban Water Systems, Puente, Calif., after using plastic pipe for services for 20 months, discontinued installing this material. About 10 percent of the butyrate pipes have developed leaks in high-pressure zones and 5 percent have been replaced. However, the author believes that before long a plastic will be developed that will be suitable for services; and, with the cost so much less than that of other materials, it will come into general use. In discussing this paper, W. J. Cruse, V. P. of the Society of the Plastic Industry, said that a vast amount of research has been devoted toward developing thermoplastic pipe for water service.

"California Experience With Plastic Pipe." By Harold H. Yackey, Chf. Eng'r. *Jour., AWW Ass'n*, April.

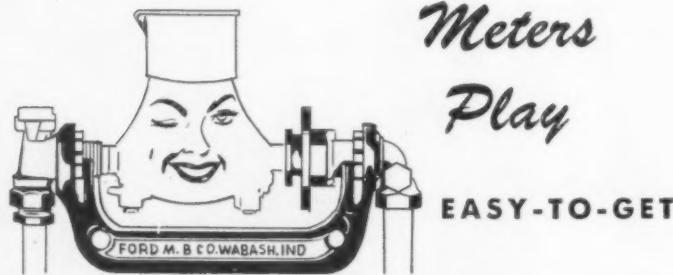
#### Rate Controller For Filter Plants

This article describes a new controller using a modified venturi meter with an annular throat, which forms no pockets for trapping either air or silt, and causes practically no loss of head when wide open, giving longer runs and decreased consumption of wash water. The controller costs less for both installation and operating, with freedom from maintenance troubles. It has no stuffing boxes; has a wide range, and unusual smoothness and accuracy of control.

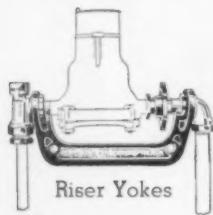
"New Rate Controller for Water Filter Plants." By E. Frank Stover, Director School of Eng., Univ. of Pennsylvania. *Water & Sewage Works*, April.

#### Starting Motor Pumps

A discussion of the several problems involved in determining the starting method to be employed in pump motor applications. Selecting the method involves: 1. Determining specifically which pump starting characteristic is applicable,



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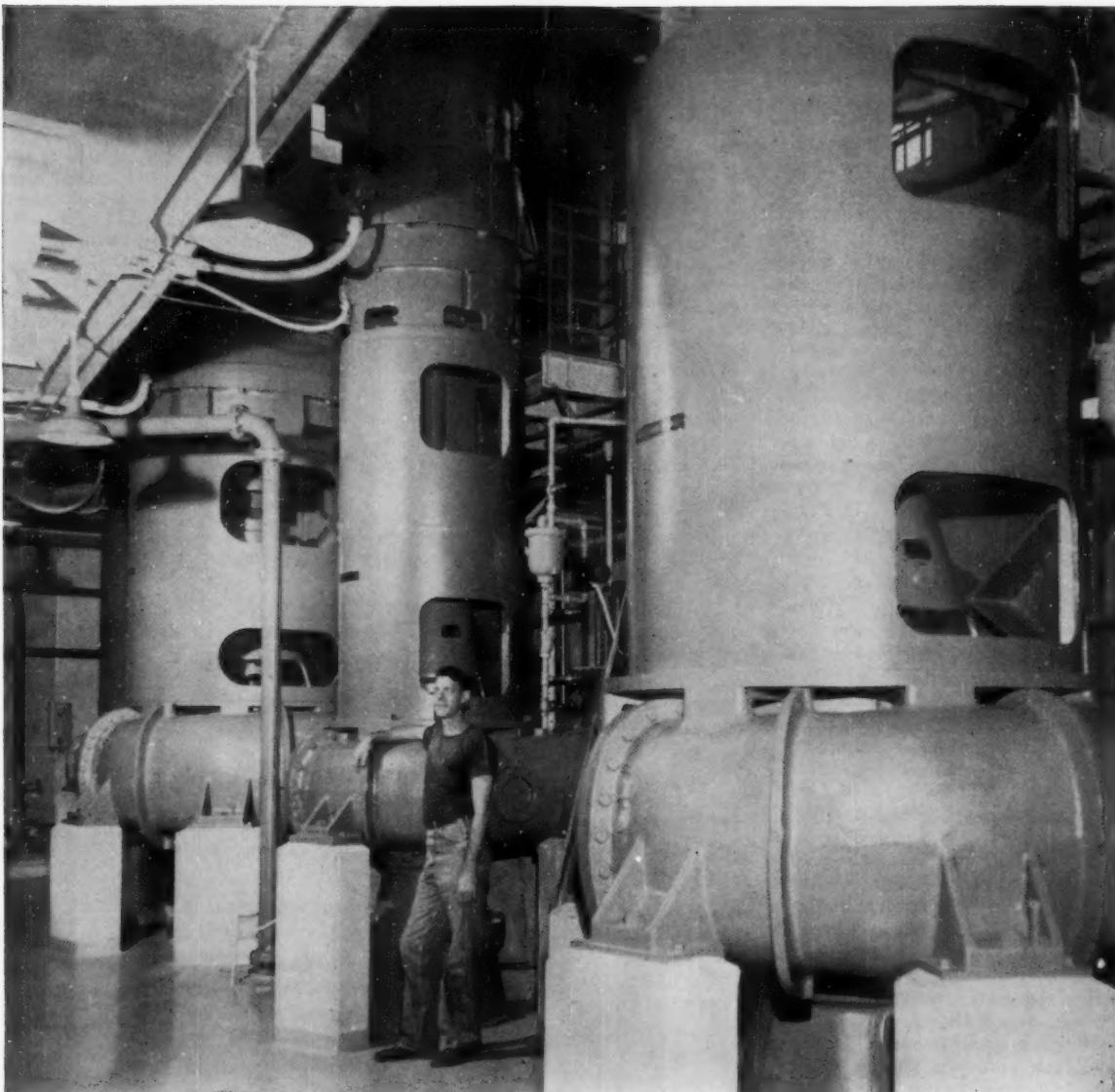
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(Typical characteristic curves should not be used except on a preliminary basis). 2. Determining if any starting current inrush limitations apply. 3. If a squirrel cage induction motor is best suited to the application, determine if it will accelerate the load while meeting any required current inrush limitations. 4. If chosen for other reasons, determine proper synchronous motor torque values or wound-rotor induction motor starting characteristics. This article discusses characteristics of induction motors through 500 hp, 720 to 1800 rpm; synchronous motors 200 to 3,000 hp, 200 to 1800 rpm, 1.0 power factor; and centrifugal and axial-flow pumps under various discharge arrangements and conditions.

By M. C. Boggis and E. O. Pott-  
hoff, of General Electric Co. Water & Sewage Works, April.

#### Microstraining As Used in England

Today there are nearly 60 microstraining installations either in operation or in course of construction, with individual flow capacities ranging from a few hundred thousand gallons to over 100 million gpd. The Metropolitan Water Board of London, England has four plants with a total capacity of 200 mgd. The author describes nine English installations, some of which include primary filtration prior to rapid and slow sand filtration or as a sole filtration process, or for polishing sand filter effluents. The advantages are said to include greatly reduced capital charges, nominal operating costs, small space occupied, small overall head loss, automatic operation and very low maintenance.

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"Microstraining and Its Applications." By P. L. Boucher, Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd., London and New York. *Jour., New England W. W. Ass'n*, March.

#### Other Articles

"Reconditioning 36-inch Cast-Iron Trunk Mains at St. Louis, Mo." using the Centriline process. By Meyer Serkes, Div. Engr. Water & Sewage Works, May.

"Designing, Constructing and Maintaining Centrifugal Pumps: Axial Thrust." Part 10 of a series. By Roy Carter and Igor J. Karassik, of the Worthington Corp. Water & Sewage Works, May.

"Water Works Practices: Trickling Filters." By Don E. Bloodgood, Prof. of San. Eng., Purdue Univ. Water & Sewage Works, May.

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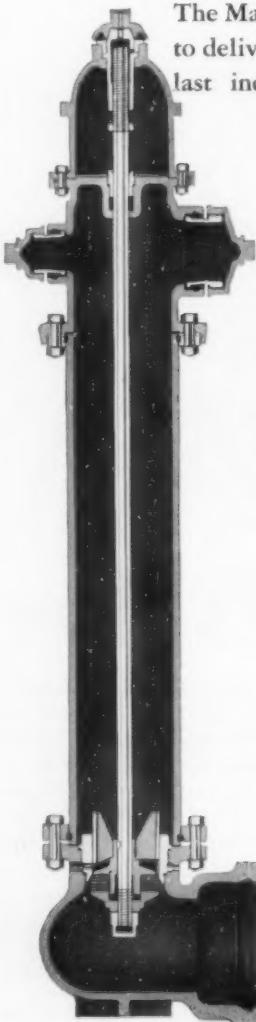
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#### County Water Systems Expand In Georgia

With the completion of new county water systems now under construction in Gwinnett and Clayton Counties, Georgia, and the extension of distribution facilities by the cities of Gainesville, Roswell and other municipalities, a continuous network of water mains will extend from north of Gainesville in Hall County to Jonesboro in Clayton County and from Winder in Barrow County to Douglasville in Douglas County. This network of distribution systems will make an ample quantity of high quality water available to an estimated three-quarters of a million persons living in eight counties. The trend to county water systems servicing thickly populated rural areas is gaining momentum in all parts of the state, says the Georgia Water and Sewage Ass'n.

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#### Wayne County, Mich., Roads, Water and Sewerage

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Wayne Co., Mich., is a 3-member body selected by the Board of Supervisors and incorporated under State law. This Board is responsible for developing and maintaining the County Highways System, the Metropolitan Sewerage and Sewage Disposal System and the Metropolitan Water Supply System. The County Road Fund during the 1955 fiscal year amounted to \$16,185,870; the Sewerage System income was \$842,958 and the total assets \$3,583,270; the gross revenue of the water system was \$1,279,574 and the total assets \$5,668,614, of which \$3,517,004 represented investment in mains and appurtenances.

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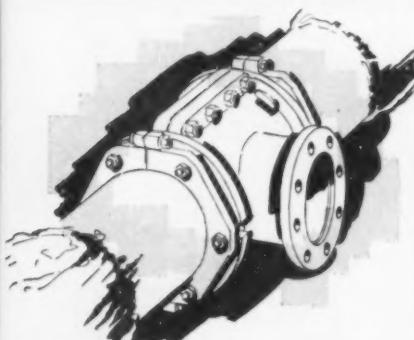
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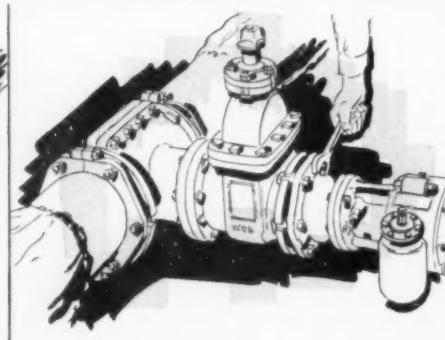
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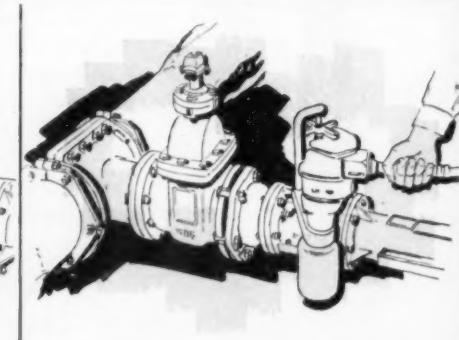
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**STEP 1: Attach sleeve.** Clean main of rust and scale. Position and bolt tapping sleeve to main. Tighten mechanical joints or calk and lead sleeve.



**STEP 2: Attach valve and drilling machine.** Bolt tapping valve to tapping sleeve. Attach hand or power operated drilling machine to valve. Open valve wide.



**STEP 3: Make cut.** Move boring bar forward until it strikes main. Retract two turns—engage automatic feed—make cut. When cut is completed, retract cutter which retains coupon. Close valve—remove drilling machine.

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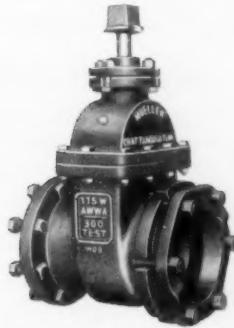
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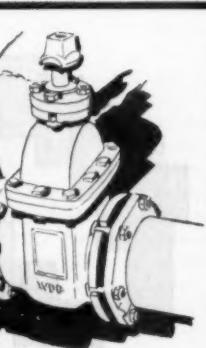
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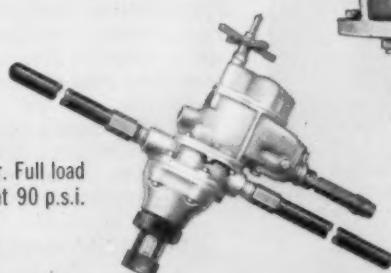
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**STEP 4: Make connection.**  
Slip branch main into valve and tighten mechanical joint or calk and lead main to valve. Open valve and branch main is activated.



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**Split Repair Sleeve.** Calked or mechanical joint type. One side of sleeve has tapped outlet with plug for escape of fluid while the sleeve is tightened around the leak.

# Los Angeles Plans City-Wide Rubbish Collection

**F**OLLOWING experience with a pilot project in the Los Angeles Harbor Area, a program to provide for the collection and disposal of combustible rubbish and garbage throughout the entire city, by city forces, has been submitted by the Board of Public Works. For the fiscal year 1956-57, the total estimated cost is \$3,363,905. Of this, \$1,886,492 will go for trucks and equip-

ment and \$1,102,700 for land and yard facilities. The program will provide city wide residential service by Oct. 1, 1957, at which time the single-chamber incinerators will be banned.

The pilot project in the Harbor area was started Nov. 28, 1955. The cost per dwelling unit for collection and disposal to April 30, 1956, was 30 cents per week or \$10.84 per ton

collected; but in the month of April, 1956, costs were 27 cents a week or \$8.12 per ton. The costs include all pertinent indirect costs, such as the retirement fund and overhead expenses for Bureau, Departmental and General City administration. These indirect costs total 34.2 percent of the direct costs.

## Budget Based on Long-Term Data

The budget estimate contemplates an average collection of 1.40 lbs. per capita per collection day (313 days per year) with a seasonal variation up to a peak of 1.82 lbs. per capita per collection day; this was based on detailed data on total actual and potential collections in the City of Long Beach over a period of years and is substantiated by data from other agencies and by the current experience in the Harbor area. It will be noted this is the average to be collected from all persons and all residences in the City, including some producing large quantities and many producing very small quantities of rubbish; it cannot be compared with the average quantity of refuse per residence or per capita collected by private collectors because they are employed mainly by householders with relatively large quantities of rubbish and by commercial establishments. The budget estimate contemplates an average cost for collection and disposal of combustible rubbish of approximately \$8.37 per ton. This is verified by the actual average cost of \$7.34 per ton for collection and disposal of non-combustible rubbish by the City and \$9.07 per ton for garbage in fiscal year 1954-55, and the actual cost for collection and disposal of combustible rubbish in the Harbor area in April, 1956, of \$8.12 per ton.

Several plans for continuing the collection of rubbish by private collectors have been submitted to the City by the organizations now engaged in this business and by their representatives. These have been carefully studied by the Board of Public Works which finds none of those which have been submitted will satisfactorily meet the existing need. The reasons include the following:

(1) All require a single collection agency to be given a monopoly for the private residential collection service in each area. Competition

## International Harvester Company Host to Editors

Hosted by Harold T. Reishus, vice-president, Construction Equipment Division of the International Harvester Company, a select group of magazine editors were guests at a recent equipment demonstration, with entertainment, at International's Dundee, Ill., proving ground.

Attendants included Leo J. Ritter Jr., of PUBLIC WORKS' editorial staff and Bob Shea of its Chicago office. Two full days were spent in touring the Tractor Works at Chicago and Melrose Park, Ill. The occasion was the introduction of the new Model 12 PAYLOADER and the complete-

ly new Models 18 and 24 PAYHAULERS; also the International-Drott 4-in-1 skid shovel and scarifier, six Hough PAYLOADERS with four International power units, and two sizes of the new V-line motor trucks. All topped off by a dinner at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club.

But what really stopped us was the inroads of luxury into the heavy equipment field revealed when a tractor operator calmly plugged an electric razor into the cigarette lighter orifice (yes, they have them too!) and began shaving!



• VISITING editorial group poses before Construction Equipment Division office.

in any residential area could not be obtained because the resultant cost would be exorbitant.

(2) They assume the City will adopt and enforce an ordinance requiring every householder to dispose of his rubbish weekly. Enforcement of this would obviously be impractical.

(3) No effective method of insuring continued satisfactory competitive service at equitable rates has been suggested. Collection of garbage and non-combustible rubbish by private collectors under contract with the City was tried by this city for several years; the service was proved to be increasingly unsatisfactory and, upon the outbreak of war, the contractors defaulted.

(4) They propose a minimum charge of \$1.00 per month for each dwelling unit, with a charge of \$1.85 or more per month for dwellings having more than the minimum amount of rubbish, or located in sparsely settled areas. Based on 816,000 dwelling units, this would cost the householders a minimum of \$9,792,000 per year, not including the cost for collection of larger quantities or from isolated residences, and not including the cost for supervision of the service by the City. If the City collects and disposes of this rubbish, the total cost to the same householders will be \$3,875,000 including the 34.24 percent indirect costs previously mentioned. This is less than half the minimum cost charged for private collection.

It should be noted that the program proposed by the Board of Public Works covers only the collection and disposal of residential refuse. It is proposed that refuse from commercial establishments continue to be handled by private collectors for as long as they render satisfactory service on a truly competitive basis at reasonable rates; this, and the contemplated increase in combustible rubbish collection in areas adjacent to the City, will afford continuing employment for those now engaged in this business and eliminate any undue hardship.

#### **Less Air Pollution**

There can be no doubt City collection of combustible rubbish will have many beneficial by-products, not the least of which will be reduction of air pollution and the elimination of health menaces and fire hazards. The program has been strongly endorsed by the directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the local newspapers.

## **A grain elevator gets a good going over, INSIDE, OUTSIDE!**



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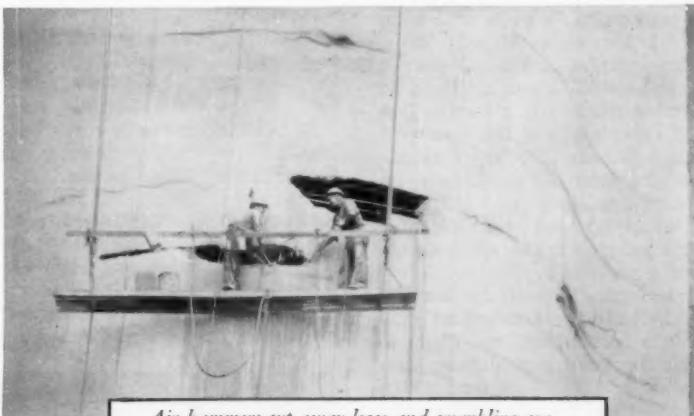
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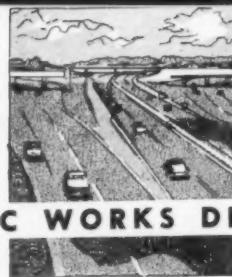
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### County Road Identification

The General Assembly of Indiana in 1953 passed laws authorizing counties to adopt a system of road identification, and of house numbering where the population of the county is 400,000 or more. In accordance with these laws, the Indiana Association of County Commissioners has adopted a system of uniform identification for use by all counties. The grid system is used, taking, as axes of coordinates, range and township lines intersecting near the center of the county, thus dividing the county into four approximately equal quadrants. Roads located along the axes are designated Division Roads and Meridian Roads, respectively. Roads parallel to an axis are given numbers representing their distance from this axis in units of 100, followed by a letter indicating their direction from the axis. Thus, the first section line road east of the north-south Meridian Road is designated 100 E, and a section line road 3 miles south of the east-west base line is designated 300 S; an intermediate road 1 1/4 miles from an axis would be designated 175. Special principles are provided for numbering roads which are not parallel to an axis.

In numbering houses, the last two digits indicate the hundredths of a mile in a section, and the digits to the left represent section lines; thus the number 1225 E on road 100 S means that the house is in the southeast quadrant, about 12.25 miles east of the base line.

"County Road Identification and Numbering of Rural Residences." By A. K. Branham, of Purdue University. PUBLIC WORKS, June.

### Striping Paints on Missouri Highways

In testing the durability of any paint under traffic, the Missouri Highway Department has applied a film with a wet thickness of only 4 to 6 mils; although the durability was

not always proportional to results with thicker films, this accelerated test was an excellent yardstick for measuring the durability. For applying a greater film thickness than 18 mils, a drag is used—a sled-like apparatus with runners 1 inch high with an adjustable blade across the back, weighted with 10 or 12 lb. This gives a very uniform film thickness where the pavement is smooth.

"Continuing Investigation of Paints Used to Mark Roads." By F. V. Reagel and J. Barton. *Better Roads*, April.

### Developments in Lighting California Signs

In improving night lighting of highway signs, electrical engineers of the California Highway Dept. adopted as fundamental principles: 1. Provide uniform brightness of sign message. (Uniform illumination may not provide uniform brightness due to reflections.) 2. Make the brightness of sign panel sufficient so that it will stand out in contrast with its immediate surroundings. 3. Permit neither direct nor reflected glare. 4. Make the lighting equipment inconspicuous and so located that it will not interfere with the view of the message.

Fluorescent tubes are preferred to incandescent sources of light because 1. The continuous line source, provided by fluorescent lamps, fur-

nishes inherently superior uniformity of illumination horizontally across the sign panel. 2. Fluorescent lamps provide better uniformity of illumination from top to bottom of the sign panel. Illumination from a small light source decreases inversely as the square of the distance from the source. However, illumination from a line (fluorescent) source decreases inversely only as the distance from the source. 3. Considering top-mounted fixtures, the lower brightness of the fluorescent lamps causes less reflected glare on the sign panel from the source being "mirrored" in the sign panel. 4. The uniformity of illumination is less affected by burnout of one fluorescent lamp due to the overlapping light from other lamps. 5. Fluorescent lamps provide at least twice the lamp life. 6. Fluorescent lamps, including ballast losses, consume approximately one-half the power for equal light output.

Experiments and studies resulted in the adoption of fixtures which lighted the sign from the bottom rather than the top for the following reasons: 1. Top-mounted incandescent lighting of directional signs produces objectionable glare, in the form of reflected images of the fixture in the sign panel, and provides poor uniformity of brightness. 2. Top-mounted fluorescent lighting of directional signs produces less objectionable glare, in the form of re-



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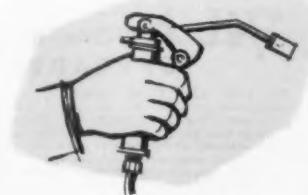
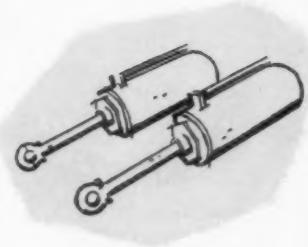
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"Sign Lighting Fixture Development in District IV." By Vernon H. Waight and John R. Brass, Electri-

cal Eng'rs of the Highway Dept. California Highways, April.

#### State Shop Makes Traffic Signs

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works produces about 50,000 traffic signs a year in a shop located in a new \$3,000,000 headquarters at Wellesley. Massachusetts signs are made large so as to be visible and readable by a driver going 60 mph at sufficient distance to enable him to stop. Practically all signs and markers are reflectorized; which

has been found to reduce night time traffic accidents by 23.3%. Steel blanks used for signs are sprayed with zinc chromate primer and finishing coats; wood backing receives three coats of enamel; aluminum blanks require only cleaning and etching. Reflective sheeting is used on 80% of the signs.

"Modern Traffic Sign Shop." PUBLIC WORKS, June.

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"Building County Roads in Gumbo" in Leflore Co., Miss. By Daniel K. Kelly, County Eng'r. Better Roads, April.

"Servicing Road Equipment in Field." Practices of several highway departments. Better Roads, April.

"Computers Free Engineers for Other Work." Electronic computers used by Arizona Highway Dept. By Glen Ryden, Chf. Computer. Better Roads, April.

"A Portable Capacitance-Type Soil Moisture Meter." Highways and Bridges (England), April 18.

"Calcium Chloride Stabilization as Related to Soils Base." Practice of the District of Columbia, where both plant mix and road mix, preferably the former, are in general use for stabilizing bases. Stage construction of new roads is described. By H. F. Clemmer, Eng'r of Materials of Dist. of Columbia, Public Works, June.

"Ohio's Campaign Reduces Accidents at Hazardous Locations." Public Works, June.

"Design of Road Intersections" to reduce perilous traffic conditions. By Kenneth Summerfield. Contractors Record, April 25.

"How Much Paint to Stripe a Mile." Figures from several states. Public Works, June.

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#### New Types of Faced Concrete Blocks for Construction

Concrete block is an important building material. It is now predicted that use will widen materially with the development of new types of faced concrete blocks which will provide enduring and attractive finishes at very low cost. According to George Kogel, president of the Concrete Corp., in a paper before the Society of Construction Superintendents, there are three kinds of faced block available: (1) a cast face compressed of a terrazzo-type mixture; (2) a block with a laminated plastic face; and (3) a truly monolithic faced block with a vitreous glazed cement surface.

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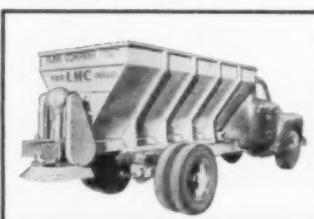
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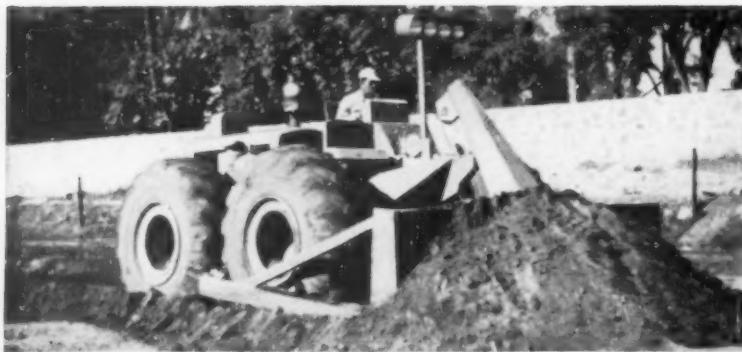
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Loading, moving, and unloading the two crawlers in the heavy metropolitan traffic is a big problem, reports the Mexico City engineer. Sometimes there also are serious delays because it is difficult to find a low-boy trailer available when crawlers should be hauled to the next project. In contrast, the city engineer finds Tournatractor's rubber-tired mobility a great advantage in cutting time and costs.

For instance, from work at one end of the city, the rig traveled 16 miles over city streets, through traffic, in a little over an hour. In one typical day, unit dozed down old poles and



When these pictures were taken, Tournatractor was leveling a city street linking Mexico City to suburban Mixcoac. On work like this, rig removes unnecessary concrete walls and walks, dozes over old poles, moves earth mounds, and handles a variety of other clean-up assignments.

stone fences, and leveled a street for paving on one side of town. It then traveled to another suburb to demolish old buildings that menaced public safety and stood in the way of new streets.

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be used for both exterior and interior walls and the facing can be applied on either side or both faces. Many colors are available.

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## A Small Community Can Have a Water System

**ROLAND SCHRUPP,**

Village Clerk, Plato, Minn.

In Minnesota Municipalities

CAN a village with less than 500 population afford a modern waterworks system? The answer for Plato, Minnesota has been an emphatic "yes."

In the winter of 1953, the Plato village council decided to have an engineering survey and preliminary report prepared on the relative costs, type of construction and financing methods for a sanitary sewer and sewage treatment system. While this report was being prepared, citizens became interested in the possibility of a new village-wide water storage and distribution system. The council then authorized the engineer to include a preliminary report on a waterworks system.

When the report on both projects was completed, mimeographed copies were made up and distributed to every family in town. A mass meeting was held, where the attorneys, bond financing representatives and engineers presented the complete picture of the proposed projects. After several weeks an advisory election was held with a vote of approximately seven to one in favor of the installation of the proposed waterworks system. However, the

sanitary sewer system was not approved.

When the project was advertised for construction, competition and a large number of bids resulted in a very low price. It was decided to use cement-lined, roll-on-joint, cast-iron pipe. A welded semi-elliptical 50,000-gallon tank and 100-foot tower was selected for water storage.

The village constructed the pump house and tower footings by force-account with considerable saving over estimated contract costs. A new submerged-type pump was used. Close attention to many of these apparently smaller items, combined with proper scheduling of the opening of bids, resulted in the final project cost being sufficiently below the original engineering estimates to permit the village to purchase water meters with the savings. The total project cost was approximately \$66,000.

Costs were assessed by means of a front-footage levy on business and residential property in the amount of \$1 per front foot for residential, \$1.50 per foot for business property, and \$1 per front foot for all vacant lots. An additional levy of \$200 was made for each residential and \$300 for each business place. The total amount of assessments was \$32,000 or about one-half of project costs. Of this amount, \$17,560 was paid in cash by property owners in order to save the interest charges made necessary if the levy were placed on the tax roll. The remainder was financed by issuing \$50,000 in 20-year bonds at an interest rate of four percent. These bonds will be repaid in yearly installments.

It was planned to have all work completed before January 1, 1955, but the system was in operation several days before Christmas, 1954. Two railroad crossings for short service connections could not be included immediately due to failure of the railroad company to grant the necessary permits. These were installed in the spring of 1955.

Plato now possesses a modern water distribution system because of the unified support of its citizens and the council's forward thinking. Fire insurance costs have been reduced 39 to 42 percent per year for residential property and 20 to 25 percent per year for commercial property. Several of the business places have found that their fire insurance savings alone will pay the entire assessed cost over a two or three-year period. Housewives are now able to use all the water they want for lawn sprinkling, automatic washing machines, etc.



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# Philadelphia Panorama PORTRAYS CITY'S FUTURE

THE LARGEST permanent city planning display in the United States, the Philadelphia Panorama, has been opened to visitors at the Commercial Museum, part of the Trade and Convention Center in Philadelphia. Costing more than \$250,000 and occupying 15,000 square feet, the exhibition uses dynamic display techniques and latest devices, including three-dimensional models, integrated sound and shifting illumination, to inspire the hundreds of thousands of visitors annually with new pride and enthusiasm for the future of the Philadelphia region.

The Philadelphia City Planning Commission, the official agency of the city charged with the task of planning and guiding the future of Philadelphia, is responsible for the displays and their content. The Citizens' Council on City Planning, a private, non-profit civil agency devoted solely to citizen education and action in city planning, is responsible for the program and the use of the exhibition by the schools and the community. The third sponsor is the Board of Trade and Conventions, the official city agency charged with the promotion of business and convention activity in Philadelphia. It will maintain and house Philadelphia Panorama in its Commercial Museum.

The most elaborate display in the entire exhibition is a model (50 feet to the inch) of Downtown Philadelphia in which separately spot-lighted panels flip over automatically to show proposed improvements as a synchronized commentary describes the changes.

● **HUGE COPPER hand, 20 feet high, is symbol for Philadelphia Panorama and greets visitors at exhibit entrance.**



Another feature is the Diorama, showing in three dimensions how the Philadelphia Area may appear in 1982—if proposed city planning programs are realized. This ultra-modern display not only serves to stimulate the imagination, but also to emphasize that the future development of Philadelphia must inevitably extend beyond the city boundaries to merge into the general geographical setting. This, of course, is in keeping with the modern trend toward comprehensive planning on a regional scale.

Redevelopment and Housing are represented by models of North Philadelphia areas and by a full-sized rowhouse backyard, showing many ways in which a homeowner can find a pleasant spot for relaxation.

Another section reports on the economy of Philadelphia and the activities of the city's Department of Commerce, which operates the Port, the Airports and an Economic and Industrial Development office. Graphic devices point up employment force, skilled labor pools, port tonnage and the number of industries.

In the center section of Philadelphia Panorama, five large panels show, through sculptural and graphic devices, the five factors that involve a citizen of Philadelphia, namely: (a) The citizen in relation to the people of Philadelphia; (b) his housing and his immediate environment; (c) where he works, his office or factory space and his relationship to the trade and industry of the city; (d) where he plays, showing the recreational facilities;



● **THESE large aerial views indicate location of future city improvements.**

and (e) how he gets to and from these various places; in short, a description of transportation in the city.

A huge four-section, photo-mosaic map of the city, actually an historical document, shows the improvements made in the city since 1947. Superimposed symbols demonstrate the 1956-61 Plan for improvements. These models will be kept up to date by the City Planning Commission.

By illustrating so graphically just what is being planned for Philadelphia in the way of improved housing, commerce, industry, transportation, community facilities and recreational areas, Philadelphia Panorama vividly contrasts the old, inefficient way of "grewed like Topsy" with the modern stage-by-stage city planning so necessary to guide us toward a well integrated community of the twentieth century.

● **GIANT SCALE MODEL of Downtown Philadelphia has separate panels that flip over to show proposed improvements.**





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In the Edinburgh plant the treated material is carried from the drum to a vibrating screen by a belt conveyor, on which the metal scrap is sorted out, and the remaining inert material is burned in an incinerator. The fine screened material is suitable for use as a fertilizer without further treatment. This plant has a capacity of 20 tons of crude refuse per day plus 150 gallons of sewage sludge per ton of refuse, and produces some 14 tons of compost which is readily sold to farmers and gardeners. The plant is operated by one man.

"Mechanical Composting of Garbage and Sewage Sludge." By John Grindrod. PUBLIC WORKS, June.

#### Sewage Treatment at Turnpike Service Stations

The author describes treatment installations for restaurants and service stations on the Pennsylvania

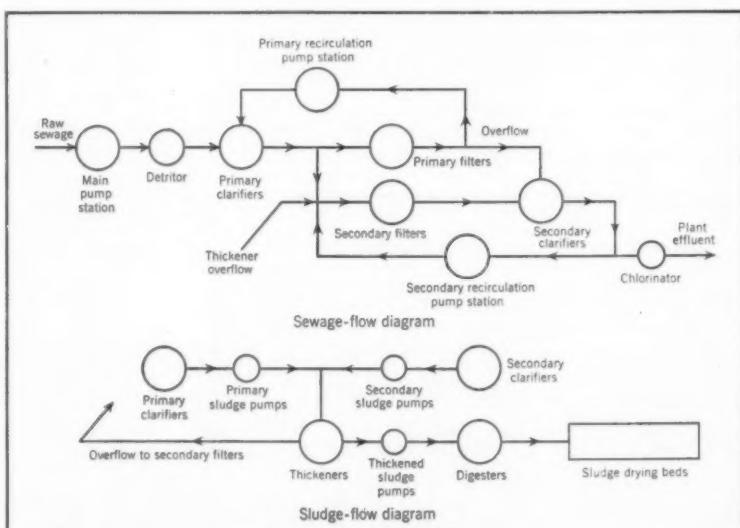
Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. Settling tanks and intermittent sand filters dosed by rotary distributors have proved unsatisfactory. The sewage is fresher and more concentrated than normal domestic sewage; is almost entirely human and kitchen wastes, with high content of grease and synthetic detergents. A typical analysis of sewage from service areas shows approximately 500 ppm of BOD, 300 ppm suspended solids, 130 ppm grease, and 350 ppm commercial detergents. The treatment adopted for these plants is believed to be unique in that the comminuted sewage passes first through a two-story digester-clarifier and then to trickling filters. Where two-stage biofiltration is used, the clarifier portion is divided by a vertical partition into primary and secondary compartments; and two filters are produced in one circular basin by placing a circular wall which separates an outer annular space from the inner space, the same rotary distributor dosing both filters. The filter effluent is

chlorinated. Fresh, aerated liquor from the filters is returned continuously to the clarifiers so that they are kept fresh and free from septic action. Analyses at three of these plants showed a final effluent with 14 to 19 ppm of BOD.

"Turnpike Sewage Treatment Plants." By G. Gale Dixon and Herbert L. Kaufman. *Sewage & Industrial Wastes*, March.

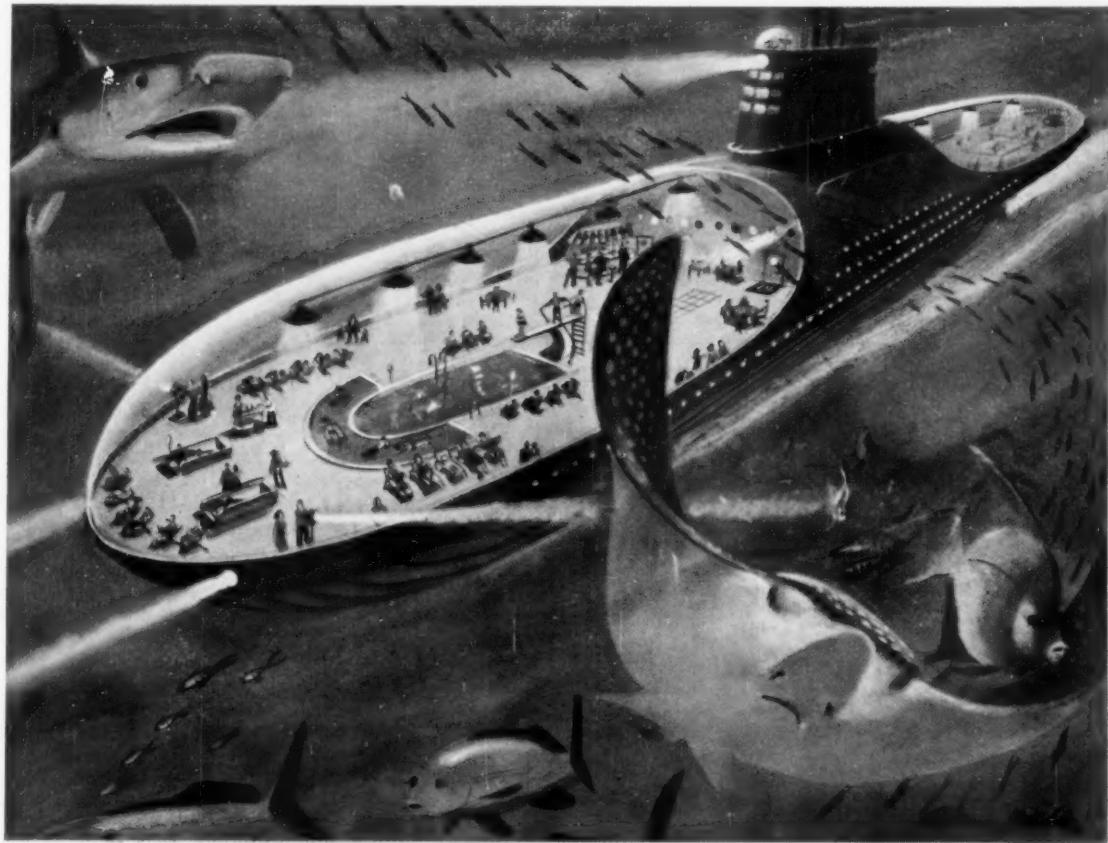
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● SEWAGE and sludge flow diagrams, Beaumont, Texas, sewage treatment plant.



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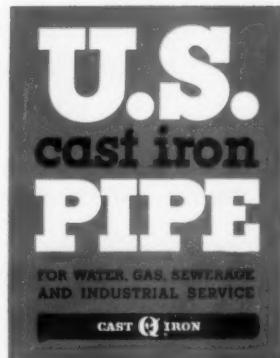
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ters, and has no detrimental effect on the removal of BOD by them. The Beaumont plant includes two 50-ft. thickeners supplied by Dorr-Oliver, Inc.

"Sludge Thickening Proves Economical in Beaumont, Texas, Sewage Treatment Plant." By Joe Dust, Supt. of plant. *Civil Engineering*, April.

#### Tracing Sewage Discharge in the Ocean

In tracing the direction taken by sewage effluents discharged into the ocean, use has been made of floats,

visual observation of sleek, and chemical analysis of samples of the ocean water taken at numerous points in the possible path of the effluent. The movement of sleek is determined largely by the wind; floats are moved by both wind and tidal currents; the results of the chemical and bacteriological analyses of samples of the water are not known for several days. A method using radioactive tracer materials was tested in England, by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, at the same time as the other methods named, to compare the re-

sults. The tracer material used was ammonium di-hydrogen phosphate, dissolved in hot water and poured into the sump of an outfall pumping station. Geiger counters carried in a boat readily detected the presence of the tracer materials when close to them, but it was possible to pass within a few yards of them and be unaware of their presence.

"The Use of Radioactive Isotopes and Characteristic Bacteria in Tracing Sewage Pollution in the Sea." By H. B. Cochrane. *The Surveyor*, April 21.

#### Stream Assimilation Of Sewage Pollution

The decrease in DO concentration, from a point in a stream just upstream from pollution to the low point on the oxygen sag, is related in some way to (1) the quantity of pollution introduced, (2) the temperature of the river water, and (3) the amount of flow in the stream available for dilution. The author describes a method of determining the DO drop from consideration of the combined effect of these variables. This method does not require obtaining data on time of water travel, or intensive surveys involving large field and laboratory crews.

"How Much Pollution Can a Stream Assimilate?" By M. A. Churchill, of the Div. of Health & Safety, Tennessee Valley Authority. *PUBLIC WORKS*, June.

#### Determining Flow in Basins by Use of Radiotracers

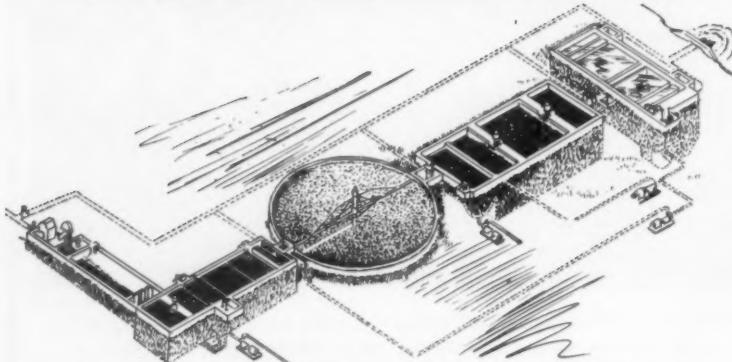
This article describes the use of radioactive potassium 42 as a tracer for the purpose of measuring the detention time of a liquid in a settling basin. A great variety of radioisotopes is available, and many types of counting and recording equipment may be bought or made. It is possible to devise tests to answer the many varied questions which arise in studying sewage and water system problems; for which purposes the use of radioisotopes commands itself as a valuable tool.

"Settling Basin Detention Time by Radiotracer." By William Seaman, of American Cyanimid Co. *Sewage & Industrial Wastes*, March.

#### Other Articles

"The Composition of Residential Garbage". Monthly average composition throughout the year at East Lansing, Mich. By George F. Mallison, of USPHS, and William F. Hohloch, of Genesee Co. Health Dept. *Public Works*, June.

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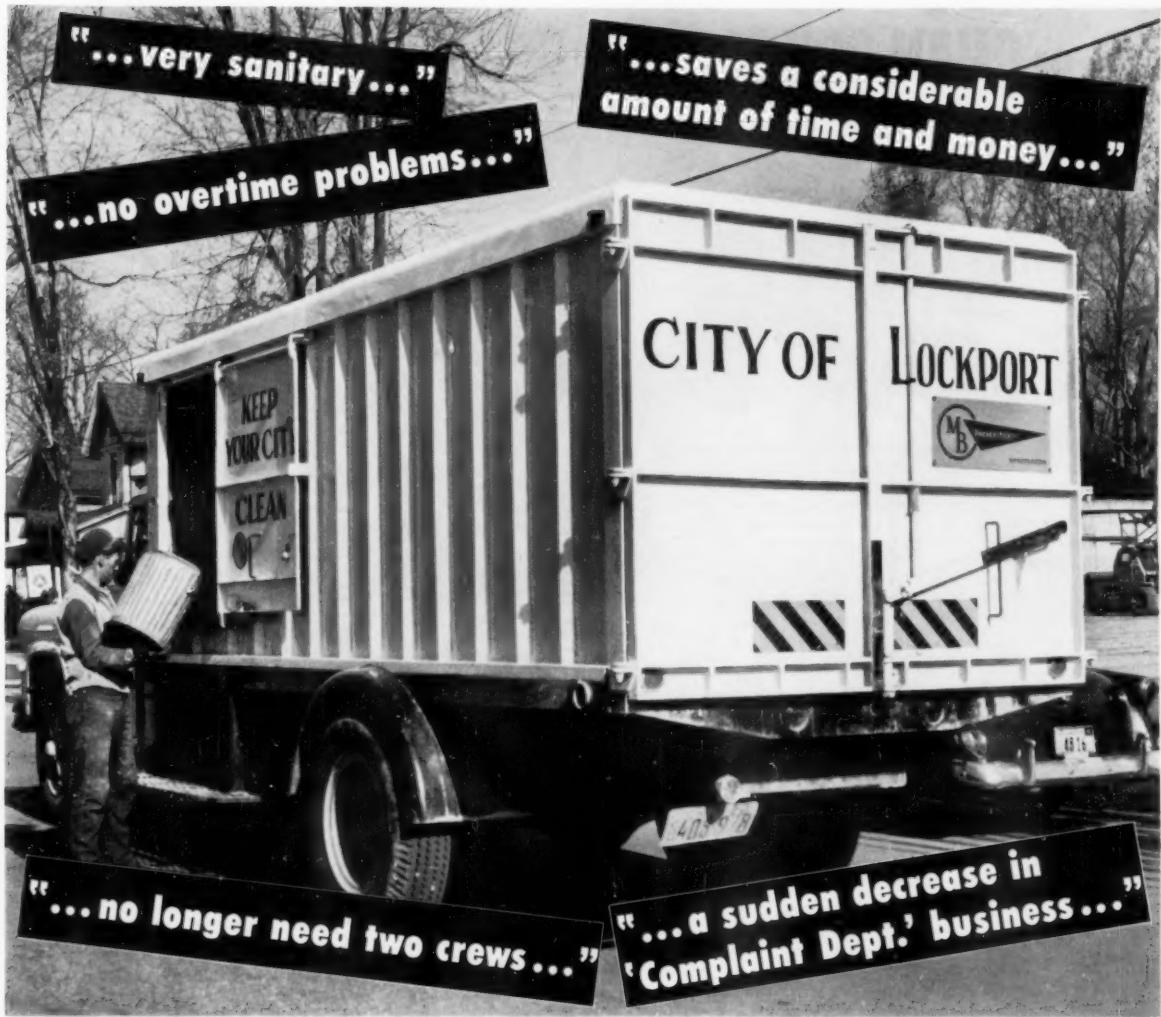
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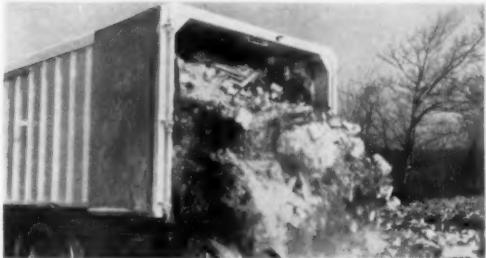
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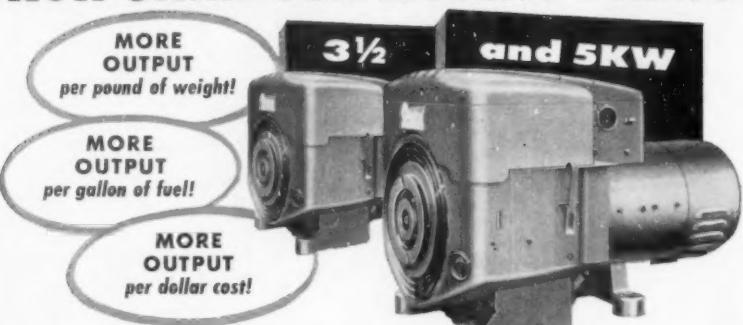


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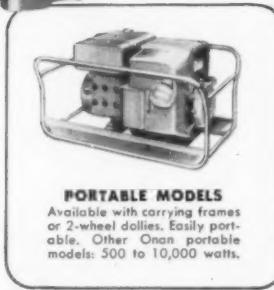
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"New Pollution Control Formula" established by the California State Water Pollution Control Board for Los Angeles sewage treatment. Engineering News-Record, May 10.

"Jacksonville's (N.C.) Sewage Treatment Plant". By A. C. Turnage, City Eng'r. Water & Sewage Works, May.

"Prefabricated Catch Basin Sections Save Time and Money". By A. J. Mair, Public Works, June.

"Financing an 18-mile Sanitary System" in Catasauqua, Pa. Public Works, June.

"Effect of Garbage Grinding on Sewers and Sewage Purification." Report of English Institute of Sewage Purification. Contractors Record, April 25.

"Chromatographic Determination of Volatile Acids". By H. F. Mueller, A. M. Buswell and T. E. Larson, of Illinois State Water Survey. Sewage and Industrial Wastes, March.

"High-Rate Trickling Filters in Germany". Theories and practices, some of which differ from those of the U. S. (10 to 12 ft. depth, multiple-arch filter bottoms, intermittent dosing). By Adolf Rumpf. Sewage & Industrial Wastes, March.

"Sewage Disposal and Waste Treatment in Canada." By J. R. Menzies, Chf., Dept. of National Health & Welfare. Sewage and Industrial Wastes, March.

"Sewers for Rhode Island's Blackstone Valley." By Francis A. Ober. Public Works, June.

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#### Incinerator Research Program

The Incinerator Institute of America started on June 1, 1956, an incinerator research program with New York University through its College of Engineering Research Division, in New York. In the early stages, the program will concern itself with a complete analysis of research undertaken individually by members of the Institute and a survey of all other available research information on incinerators. With this knowledge and the outline as presented in the proposed Standard Incinerator Code, specific projects will be undertaken on the basis of importance and immediate feasibility.

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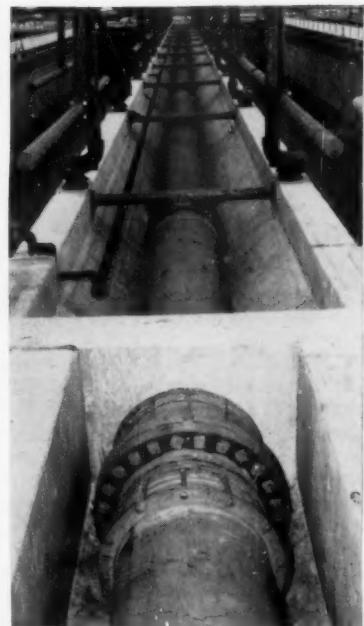
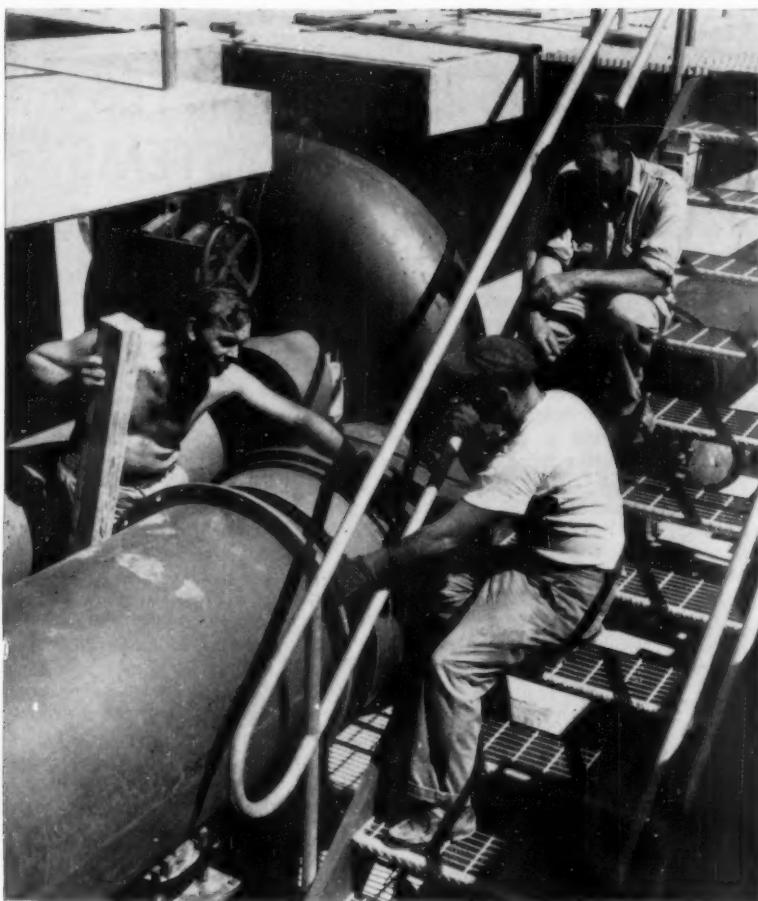
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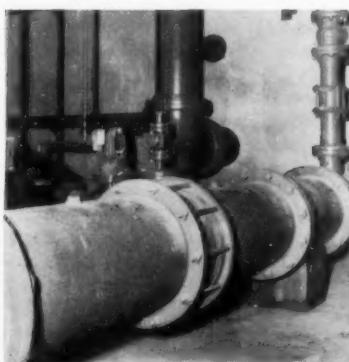
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Workmen (left) adjust follower rings before inserting bolts on a 30-inch Style 38 Dresser Coupling. It's the air line leading to the main settling tank in Miami's Virginia Key Sewage Disposal Plant. Steel and cast iron pipe meet in a Style 62 Dresser Reducing Coupling on aeration tank air line (above).

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# LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE DISCHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES INTO MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

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Waste Conference*

**T**HIS SUBJECT of discharge of industrial wastes into municipal sewerage systems is but a single facet of a serious and growing problem and it is essential to a proper understanding of the subject that it be placed in the context of time and events.

In 1951, the State of North Carolina instituted a water pollution abatement program by the creation

of the State Stream Sanitation Committee within the State Board of Health. The Committee was charged with the duty of classifying all river basins and tributaries according to their most beneficial use and was granted power to issue orders requiring all users of the rivers and streams to treat sewage and waste, after classification, in order to meet and maintain the standards established.

At the present time, two river basins have been classified and it is contemplated that all river basins in the state will be classified and pollution standards established by 1960. The scope of the problems faced by municipalities in attempting to comply with future orders of

the Committee may be realized by a mere statement of facts:

There are 284 municipal sewerage systems in North Carolina which use rivers and streams for disposal purposes; 86 of these municipal systems do not at present provide any treatment for their sewage and waste. Of the 198 municipalities that now provide some treatment, it is conservatively estimated that 75 per cent, or about 150, must build new plants, or enlarge or improve existing plants under the State program. This estimate is based upon a finding that in the first river basin classified in 1955, 90 percent of the existing plants were not adequate to treat wastes to meet the classification standards. Therefore, some 236 municipal sewage treatment plants must be built, improved or enlarged in North Carolina by 1960 or within a few years thereafter!

Such is the background, the context of time and events against which we discuss the legal aspects of the discharge of industrial wastes into municipal sewerage systems.

## Municipal Powers

All powers of a municipal corporation in North Carolina are derived by grant from the State Legislature. By general statute, municipalities are granted power "to acquire, provide, construct, establish, maintain and operate a system of sewerage for the city, and to protect and regulate the same by adequate rules and regulations." (G. S. 160-239)

This grant of power makes no distinction between industrial wastes and other municipal sewage. However, our Supreme Court has held that when a municipality permits industrial wastes to be discharged into its sanitary sewer system, they lose identity as industrial wastes and become municipal sewage. By such integration the municipality assumes any potential liability for nuisances created by operation of its sewerage system even though the industrial wastes may be a principal contributing factor. It is said that the test of liability is the power of control and municipal ownership means municipal control, for the supervision and regulation of sewers involves the exercise of the police power in the protection

## Caterpillar Holds Open House



● EXECUTIVES of Caterpillar Tractor Company, Harmon S. Eberhard, President, and C. A. Woodley, Vice President (right) were among the representatives of the host company at the open house.

Since institutions remain the lengthened shadows of men, we show above the pictures of two of the many such men of Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Lewis C. Morris was among those from PUBLIC WORKS invited to the mammoth open house press party and demonstration put on by Caterpillar at its new multi-million dollar plant for building rubber tired motor graders and wheel tractors, in Decatur, Ill., recently. On exhibition also were the full line of track-type tractors and an outstanding movie on "Quality Control."

Equally as impressive as the

buildings and equipment was the address of President Harmon S. Eberhard. He spoke of the growth of the Caterpillar company as being based on the world's growing population and all the human needs arising from it. As one example he pointed out that our own highways are now carrying 55 million cars and trucks, 72 percent more than in 1940. While births in the United States alone each week would populate a city the size of Decatur, feeding still further the pressure for more and better machines to do the world's increasing volume of work.

of the public health and welfare and the police power cannot be bargained or granted away.

In exercising the power thus granted, a municipality may permit any appropriate use to be made of its sewerage system and may fix reasonable conditions for such use. No one has a vested right to use a city's system nor can a city grant such right. In the exercise of its discretion, a municipal governing body may grant such licenses or permits to make connection with, or use of, its sewerage system as may be warranted by the capacity and ability of the sewers and disposal plant to carry and dispose of sewage, and as the public interests may require.

The statutory authority of a municipality "to protect and regulate its system by adequate rules and regulations" is usually exercised by ordinance.

Where an ordinance makes no distinction between industrial waste and domestic sewage, the provisions thereof apply with equal force to each type of waste. In the past, the great majority of municipal ordinances in North Carolina made no such distinction. However, at the present time, the trend is toward distinction, and it is anticipated that in the near future, all such ordinances will not only make the distinction but will contain specific provisions for industrial wastes.

The ordinances now in force relating to sewerage systems vary in their provisions. Some ordinances simply prohibit the discharge into the city's system "of any substance likely to obstruct or cause undue injury to the system or any substance of such high causticity or of a sufficiently acid nature or any liquid or waste whatsoever that interferes materially with the proper treatment of sewage in the city's treatment and disposal plant."

Other ordinances enumerate specific substances and prohibit the discharge of such substances into the system.

A few ordinances, more common in the larger cities at the present time, are specific and detailed, making definitions, fixing standards, requiring certain structures, controlling volume and rate of discharge, providing for inspection and testing, and either requiring pre-treatment or levying surcharges for treatment of industrial wastes.

In addition to regulation by ordinance, municipalities resort to contract arrangements with particular industries whose waste is of such character as to require special provisions. The most vivid manner in

which to bring to your attention a full and rounded picture of the legal aspects of an industrial sewage disposal contract between a city and a private company is by relating an actual case.

This case was decided in South Dakota in 1944 and is a "leading case", having been cited and quoted with approval in subsequent cases and legal journals; and it represents the majority opinion throughout the country. The contract provisions are a model of cooperation between industry and municipal government. All will be interested in the court's decision. The case is Erickson v.

City of Sioux Falls, 14 N. W. 2d 89 (1944).

The action was brought by a taxpayer against the city, its governing board, and the industry, John Morrell & Company, a meat-packing plant, to have an industrial sewage disposal contract between the City and the Company declared invalid and to enjoin further use of the city's sewerage system and disposal plant for disposal of the company's industrial sewage.

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According to the Auditorium manager, the expense of attendants would be prohibitive during non-rush parking. When major events attract capacity crowds, attendants handle parking direction and collect fees in supplementary adjacent lots, but the automation lots keep right on working alone during the rush period, collecting fees and admitting automobiles.

greater part of all industrial sewage; its disposition requires a large part of the total capacity of the disposal plant. The Court said "this case involves no ordinary situation."

The Company and the City entered into a contract in 1926, in contemplation of the completion in 1927 of a sewage disposal plant by the City. Under the contract, the Company agreed to install suitable equipment for the fine screening, sedimentation and grease skimming of all the Company's sewage before entering the City's mains; further, that the Company would pay its pro rata share of the cost of pumping its sewage and a part of certain fixed and operating charges. The contract had no time limit; hence, either party could cancel it at will after reasonable notice. The parties operated under this contract until 1940 when a new contract was written.

In 1939 the disposal plant ceased to function and the City and the Company jointly engaged the firm of engineers who had originally designed the plant to make a survey and recommendations for repair and improvement of the plant. The engineers reported that the filter beds were clogged, due to the presence of too much fine stone in the filter bed and the presence of grease in the sewage which had coated and clogged the beds, which grease was due to the industrial wastes. Other serious problems had also developed. Both the City and the Com-

pany had expanded and both were threatened with suits for the pollution of the river which occurred when the plant ceased to function. The terms of the new contract were as follows:

1. That in consideration of certain payments and expenditures to be made by the Company, the Company was granted the right to send into the sewer system and disposal plant of the City, all of its pre-treated sewage for a period of 15 years.

2. The Company agreed to pay 75 percent of the total cost of rehabilitation of filters in the disposal plant, amounting to \$11,250.

3. The Company agreed to install degreasing equipment in the disposal plant at its own expense, \$3,625.

4. The Company agreed to pay 85 percent of the total cost of purchasing and installing an equalizing tank, \$10,625.

5. The Company agreed to purchase for installation in the disposal plant a gas engine-driven blower and generating equipment and appurtenances at a cost of \$46,900.

6. That the total cost of such payments should not exceed \$70,600.

7. The Company agreed to pay quarterly to the City, as part of the operating expenses of the disposal plant, \$2,500, or \$10,000 annually.

8. The City agreed to maintain and keep in operation the disposal plant during the entire term of the

contract at its own expense, provided, that if improvements and betterments to the plant should be required, the Company would pay 25 percent of the cost, not to exceed \$45,000; and further, that should mechanical replacements become necessary, the Company was to pay 50 percent of yearly cost of replacements not to exceed \$735 annually.

In its decision the Court stated the question thusly: "Did the city have the power to enter into this contract?" In answering this question the Court reviewed the pertinent state statutes, which are substantially similar to those of North Carolina, and also the applicable legal principles as follows:

By state law the City is vested with police power to preserve the public health and welfare and the proper disposal of sewage is essential to the public protection.

Where the state law expressly confers upon the city the power to regulate the use of sewers, and neither defines the limits of that power nor prescribes the manner of its exercise, the City is necessarily invested with power to exercise its discretion, and the courts will not interfere with such action unless it appears to be unreasonable or arbitrary. However, the courts will always interfere to keep municipal authorities within the law and will interpose to prevent any action which is ultra vires because of some lack of antecedent legislative authority.

A municipal corporation is a creature of the Constitution and laws of the state. It possesses only such powers as are granted to it, together with those incidental or implied powers as are necessary to enable it to perform its authorized functions. A city, as such, has no inherent powers and none of the attributes of sovereignty and the policy of the law is to require of municipal corporations a reasonably strict observance of their powers.

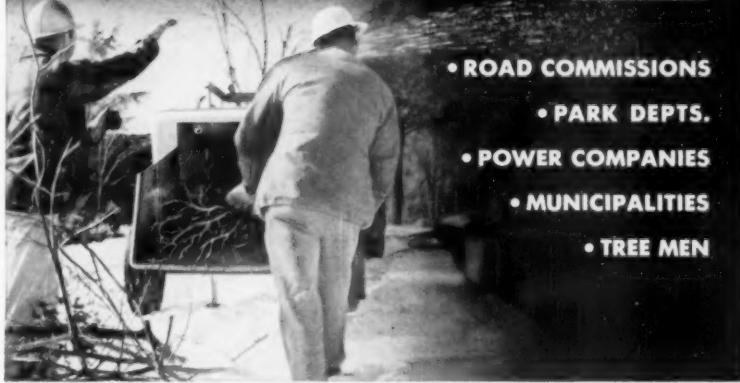
The only privilege which a City can grant to a person or firm regarding use of its sewerage system is a license or permit to make proper connection and empty sewage into the system, there to receive such treatment and disposal as the City may from time to time provide, and it has no power to guarantee the successful operation of its disposal plant or sewerage system.

Where the city's plant must be closed for repairs, or fails for any reason to receive or adequately treat sewage emptied into it, the City cannot be held liable for resulting damages to any person whose sewage is thereby inadequately treated or excluded; and hence cannot, by contract, assume any such liability or bind itself to receive and dispose of all sewage which users may attempt to empty into its sewers.

Any license or permit to connect with the city's system must be contingent on the ability and capacity of the system and plant to digest and dispose of the licensee's sewage. No one has any vested rights in use of the city's system, nor can the city grant such rights, for a city's police power cannot be bargained away by contract, but control must be retained at all times.

The contract in this case, whereby the city granted the right to the company to empty all of its industrial sewage into the city system, without limitation as to character or volume, for a period of 15 years, was ruled invalid as exceeding the city's authority. The Court said that the contract purports to grant far more than is embraced in the license or permit which the city is authorized to grant; the contract attempts to grant a vested right for 15 years; this it cannot do. The mere fact that one has expended considerable money to make the connection gives him no vested right to retain the connection; however, as the City suggested in its brief, the money received from the Company under the contract, may be retained as voluntary contributions in the understanding that neither past nor

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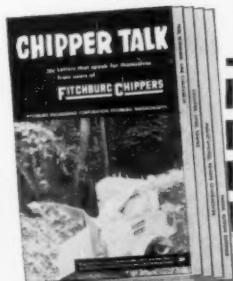
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Of particular interest were the Court's comments regarding the request for an injunction against further use of the city's system by the Company. The Court held that no injunction would issue; that the matter of use of the city system is governed by license or permit issued in the discretion of the governing body of the City and, further, that discontinuance of the connection would jeopardize the public health or injure the public interest.

One thing more about this decision is the court's repeated reference to lack of legislative authority and the statement that "in the present state of our statutes, we are compelled to hold the contract wholly unauthorized and void." The Court recognized the practical aspects of the problem and, undoubtedly, given adequate legislative authority, the same court would have found little difficulty in upholding the contract.

This case comprises a dissertation on the legal aspects of industrial sewage disposal contracts and it conveys a graphic and pointed les-

son on the merits of cooperation between industry and municipal government; and on the advisability of adequate enabling legislation.

I would like to refer back to the problems faced by our municipalities in constructing the necessary plants, enlargements and improvements in order to meet pollution standards established by the State Stream Sanitation Committee.

A part of the Stream Sanitation law provides that no order be issued against any other person contributing to a polluted condition where enforcement against a municipality contributing to the same condition cannot be had because of operation of law or otherwise. This proviso would shield an industrial polluter in a given situation and indicates an attitude that if all polluters cannot be controlled, then no one polluter should.

The 1955 General Assembly amended the law, presumably to lend impetus to the pollution abatement program, by providing that any municipality under order of the Committee to abate pollution "shall proceed to provide funds, using any and all means necessary and available therefor by law, by issuance of revenue bonds or otherwise, for financing the cost of all things necessary for full compliance with said order and shall thereby comply with said order. . ." Thus, the municipal polluters are placed under compulsion in order to expedite compliance by all polluters.

Of further interest are other items of 1955 legislation which, in brief, grant a 5-year write-off or amortization for income tax purposes to industries undertaking construction of sewage disposal plants and facilities; and, furthermore, exempt such new construction from ad valorem taxation.

These laws indicate a program of Inducement for Industry and Compulsion for Cities. This is not unusual in a State geared and dedicated to a program of industrialization and, if sometimes overzealous, the laudable purposes of such a program would mitigate any incidental errors of judgment.

However, I submit to you that the better approach is not a program of Inducement for Industry coupled with Compulsion for Cities, but rather a program of Planning for Progress through cooperation between Industry and Municipal Government; such a program to be evidenced by the undertaking of joint ventures and cost-sharing where appropriate and desirable under adequate enabling legislation.

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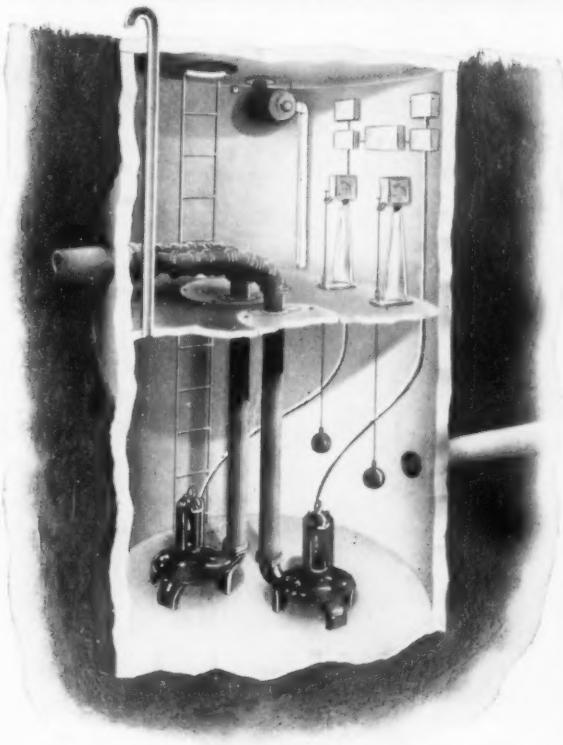
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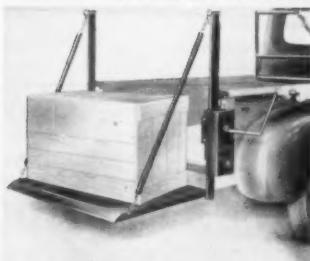
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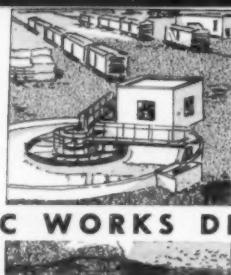
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### Biological Treatment of Aromatic Wastes

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"Metabolism of Aromatic Compounds by Activated Sludge." By R.

E. McKinney, H. D. Tomlinson, and R. L. Wilcox, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. *Sewage and Industrial Wastes*, April.

### Metal Finishing Wastes Treatment

At the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company at Raleigh, N. C., engaged in the manufacture of watt-hour meters and sockets, the metal finishing processes for cleaning and plating use nickel, cadmium, tin, and "bright alloy", which is made up of copper, zinc, and tin. Other processes produce a chromate finish on aluminum and a phosphate finish on iron. The waste is small in volume but is very toxic. The plant discharged 40 gpm of cyanide waste and 160 gpm of other wastes continuously over a 16-hour period. Concentrations of toxic components in ppm included 5.3 of cyanide, 2.5 of zinc, 1.5 of cadmium, 3.1 of tin, 3.1 of nickel, 1.5 of chromium, and lesser amounts of iron and copper. The

problem consisted of preparing the wastes to make them acceptable to the City of Raleigh for treatment with sewage. The City established limits (in ppm) of 0.1 for cyanide and nickel and 5 for all other components. The pH was expected to be maintained above 7. Consequently, treatment was directed toward reduction of nickel and cyanide. This required complete separation of the acid-alkali waste from the cyanide waste. The treatment facilities consists of two separate units. The acid-alkali wastes are subjected to pH adjustment to 8.5 in a "buffer mixer" through the addition of lime. Here, also, ferrous sulfate is added to precipitate heavy metals and the waste is passed through a sedimentation basin. The cyanide wastes are destroyed by chlorination in an alkaline solution by means of a process which may be operated on a continuous-flow or batch basis. The treated cyanide wastes are returned to the mixing basin for the acid-alkali wastes and

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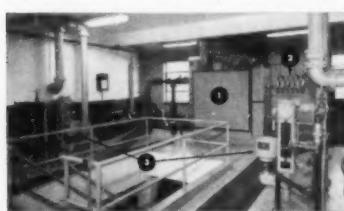
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#### Monitoring Organic Atmospheric Gases

To follow changes in the level of organic substances in the atmosphere and their relationship to smog conditions, investigations were conducted to devise a method of analysis which would be continuous. Of instrumental methods previously used, those utilizing infrared absorption appeared to be most promising, and the Model 70 spectrometer developed by Shell Development Co. and manufactured by Applied Physics Corp., Pasadena, was chosen for the investigations. It was found necessary to modify the instrument to increase the sensitivity (beyond the 500 ppm propane at full scale) of the instrument by incorporating longer sample cells (290 cm). Several series of experiments were run to determine the

composition of gases in the detector cell most suitable for detecting trace elements in the atmosphere. Propane was selected on the basis of a good hydro-carbon-to-water ratio and satisfactory sensitivity. Studies further revealed that a concentration of 5% propane in argon was best for the concentration of the sensitizing gas in the detector cell. The extent of interference from carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide was found to be slight. The effect of water vapor was overcome by utilizing the compensation afforded by the reference cell, using "burned" air as a blank. The metal shutter was replaced with one of polyethylene. The instrument was calibrated with butane. The freeze-out trap was omitted completely after a trial in which it was found that it introduced an error. Unless the composition of the organic material in the atmosphere is known, its concentration must be expressed by reference to a standard, such as butane.

"Infrared Spectrometric Method for Monitoring Gaseous Organic Substances in Atmosphere." By F. E. Littman and J. Q. Denton, Stanford Research Institute, Pasadena, California. *Analytical Chemistry*, June.

#### Identification of Ozone in Smog

The presence of ozone in the Los Angeles atmosphere had been suspected since 1951, occurring in high concentrations coincidentally with the "smog." Specific identification of the oxidant was attempted through the employment of three different techniques: rubber cracking, direct spectroscopic measurements, and isolation and identification by spectroscopic and chemical tests. Even though there was good correspondence of the three methods, there was not absolute proof that the oxidant was ozone. Consequently a technique was employed which utilized silica gel at the temperature of liquid oxygen for the concentration of ozone. The gases thus adsorbed were flushed into an optical cell and the ultra-violet spectrum was recorded. By comparing the spectrum with that of synthetic ozone-oxygen mixtures, it was concluded that ozone was identified. Thirty to forty-five per cent of the total quantity of oxidant was accounted for in this manner.

"Identification of Ozone in the Los Angeles Atmosphere." By F. E. Littman and C. W. Marynowski,

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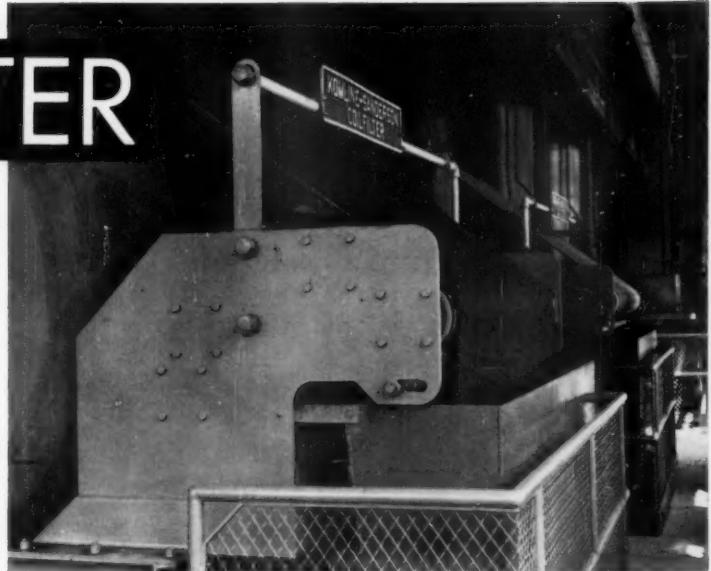
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Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, California. *Analytical Chemistry*, May.

### Treatment of Petro-Chemical Plant Waste

The location of the chemical processing plant for National Petro-Chemicals Corporation of Tuscola, Illinois, is such that it must be self-sufficient for utilities. Engaged in the production of butane, propane, natural gasoline, ethyl alcohol, ethyl chloride and polyethylene, the company had an effluent disposal problem complicated by the factor of an almost dry wastewater with the plant located at the headwaters of the Kaskaskia River. Materials entering the chemical plant effluent were mineral acids, nitrogen compounds, oxidizable organic material and lubricating oils. Early experience with treatment of the waste, involving only clarification and neutralization, aside from Imhoff tank and trickling filter treatment of the sanitary wastes, resulted in extensive lift-station and piping damage. In-plant corrective action was initiated, which provided improvement, but still permitted discharge of a waste with a BOD higher than the river could tolerate. The possibility of using trickling filters was investigated, and it was found that 80 percent reduction in BOD was possible at high loadings (up to 1.48 lb. per day per cu. yd.) when ammonium nitrate was added. Additional studies were made concerning the use of oxidation ponds, seeded with sanitary sewage and treated with sodium nitrate. Based on preliminary results, it was decided to provide this method of treatment on a full scale. Satisfactory results have been obtained with a loading of 75 lb. of BOD per acre per day. The waste treatment plant as completed in 1955 consisted of in-plant cooling and settling basins, a neutralization and clarification basin (upflow type), and oxidation ponds. The sanitary waste was treated in an Imhoff tank and trickling filter before being mixed with the chemical plant waste for oxidation pond treatment.

"Petro-Chemical Waste Treatment Problems." By G. E. Montes, D. L. Allen, and Edward B. Showell, National Petro-Chemicals Corporation. *Sewage and Industrial Wastes*, April.

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"Radioactive Waste Disposal at Hanford" Atomic Products Operation. Outline of disposal and control program.

By Royal E. Rostenbach, of Gen'l Electric Co. Sewage and Industrial Wastes, March.

"Effect of Metal Finishing Wastes on Sewage Purification." By A. E. J. Petet, of English Water Pollution Research Laboratory. Surveyor, May 5.

### • • • What A Parking Meter Returns

In order to determine just how extensively parking meters are being used in Alabama, the Alabama League of Municipalities has just finished a survey which discloses interesting facts. There are 99 communities in Alabama classified as cities—as municipalities with 2,000 or more population. Of these 99 cities, 88 answered the questionnaire sent out by the League. Of the 88 furnishing the League information, 55 have installed and are now operating meters; 33 do not use parking meters. Here's how the use of meters ranges among the various population classes:

Cities of 2,000 to 5,000—20 of 45 cities have them; cities of 5,000 to 10,000—17 of 23 cities have them; cities of 10,000 to 25,000—13 of 15 cities have them; cities above 25,000—all five cities.

The 55 cities that have installed and are using parking meters have a total of 20,096 in operation. Thirty of the cities selected the automatic meters for their meter program and 25 chose manually-operated meters. A nationwide parking meter survey made in 1952 disclosed that at that time there were a total of 1,113,000 meters in use in 2,800 municipalities. They grossed that year \$76,000,000. In Alabama, in the 55 cities using 20,000 meters the annual gross is \$1,000,000.

The average annual income for each parking meter in use in Alabama is just a few cents under \$50, but the receipts vary according to population class, as is to be expected. The survey shows these results from its recently-conducted study in this connection:

1. Average annual income for meters in cities of 2,000 to 5,000 population is \$39.48;
2. Average annual income for meters in cities of 5,000 to 10,000 population is \$41.76;
3. Average annual income for meters in cities of 10,000 to 25,000 population is \$52.20; and
4. Average annual income for meters in cities of more than 25,000 population is \$77.76.

The survey also showed that cost of maintaining parking meters is negligible in practically all cities reporting. In other words, once the meters are paid for, their gross annual income is almost the same as net profits from their operation.

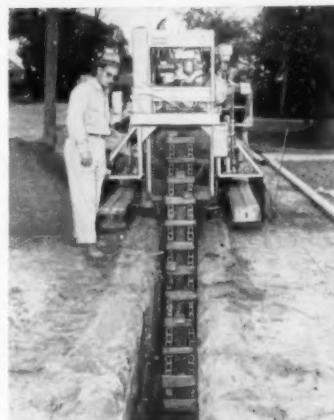
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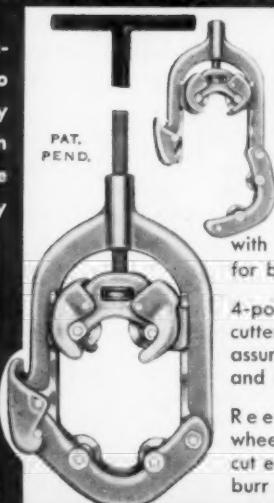
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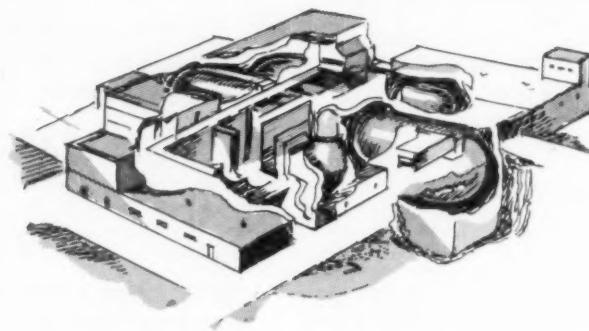
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RELATIVITY BETWEEN three seemingly heterogeneous subjects—hydrology, sanitation and nuclear devices is not too apparent at first glance. A simple definition of each, however, will serve to bring them into focus and stimulate one's imagination toward developing a number of both interesting and important relationships. Hydrology may be defined as the science dealing with the physical properties, occurrence and movement of water in the atmosphere, on the surface and in the outer crust of the earth; sanitation is concerned with the establishment of environmental conditions favorable to health; and a nuclear device is any machine, along with its fuel, that will convert matter into energy by means of a nuclear reaction.

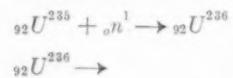
Consideration of the movement of water through the hydrologic cycle

illustrates the coincident nature of the fields of hydrology and sanitation; especially when it is brought to mind that the latter field is classically related to the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat. Just as the movement and distribution of water depends upon its gaseous, liquid and solid environment so the health of man is subject to his similar material environment. The relationships between hydrology and sanitation may extend from those involved in a rural rainwater-cistern type of individual water supply to those presented on an international basis by usage and pollution of a river such as the Rio Grande. In fact, this relativity has become increasingly global in nature with the introduction, development and utilization of nuclear devices and subsequent contamination of the air, land and sea

by radioisotopes. There are three types of nuclear devices of which we are generally cognizant and which give rise to quantities of unwanted and hazardous radioisotopes.

## Nuclear Weapons

First are the atomic bombs, nuclear weapons in which a fission process is employed to convert matter into energy; e.g.,



The detonation of such a weapon is manifested by the physical phenomena of light, heat, blast, instantaneous nuclear radiations and residual radio-activity. The energy output of such a device is normally rated in kilotons of TNT equivalent. Second, are the hydrogen bombs, weapons that use an atom bomb as a detonator to furnish a temperature of the order of several million degrees centigrade, which is necessary to initiate the interaction of hydrogen nuclei in a fusion process:



Since this reaction is a nuclear one, but requires thermal effects such as high temperatures to activate the process, it is spoken of as a thermonuclear reaction and the weapon is an atom bomb surrounded by hydrogen bearing materials (like hydrides of lithium) in which the hydrogen atoms are the heavier isotopes, deuterium and tritium. The detonation of a thermonuclear weapon is likewise accompanied by light, heat, blast, nuclear radiations and residual radioactivity and, as in the A-bomb, the magnitude of each of these phenomena is proportional to the energy released in the process. For H-bombs, energy ratings are in megatons. The third, and far more

Table 1<sup>(a)</sup> —Maximum Permissible Concentration of Fission Products

Fission Product	Selected Critical Organ	$\mu\text{c}$ In Total Body	$\mu\text{c}/\text{ml}$ of Air	$\mu\text{c}/\text{ml}$ of Water	$\text{mg}/\text{l}$ in Water
Rb <sup>86</sup>	Muscle	60	$4 \times 10^{-7}$	$3 \times 10^{-3}$	$4 \times 10^{-8}$
Sr <sup>89</sup>	Bone	2	$2 \times 10^{-8}$	$7 \times 10^{-5}$	$3 \times 10^{-9}$
Sr <sup>90</sup> + Y <sup>90</sup>	Bone	1	$2 \times 10^{-10}$	$8 \times 10^{-7}$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$
Y <sup>91</sup>	Bone	15	$4 \times 10^{-8}$	0.2	$8 \times 10^{-6}$
Nb <sup>95</sup>	Bone	90	$4 \times 10^{-7}$	$4 \times 10^{-3}$	$1 \times 10^{-7}$
Ru <sup>106</sup> + Rh <sup>106</sup>	Kidneys	4	$3 \times 10^{-8}$	0.1	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Ag <sup>111</sup>	Livers	36	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	4	$3 \times 10^{-5}$
Te <sup>127</sup>	Kidneys	4	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	$3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$
Te <sup>129</sup>	Kidneys	1.3	$4 \times 10^{-8}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$2 \times 10^{-7}$
I <sup>131</sup>	Thyroid	0.3	$3 \times 10^{-9}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$2 \times 10^{-10}$
Xe <sup>133</sup>	Total Body	300	$4 \times 10^{-6}$	$4 \times 10^{-3}$	$2 \times 10^{-8}$
Cs <sup>137</sup> + Ba <sup>137</sup>	Muscle	90	$2 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.5 \times 10^{-6}$
Ba <sup>140</sup> + La <sup>140</sup>	Bone	5	$6 \times 10^{-8}$	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	$2 \times 10^{-8}$
La <sup>140</sup>	Bone	24	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	1	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
Pr <sup>143</sup>	Bone	29	$7.5 \times 10^{-7}$	0.4	$6 \times 10^{-6}$
Ce <sup>144</sup> + Pr <sup>144</sup>	Bone	5	$7 \times 10^{-9}$	$4 \times 10^{-2}$	$6 \times 10^{-6}$
Pm <sup>147</sup>	Bone	120	$2 \times 10^{-7}$	1	$1 \times 10^{-8}$
Sm <sup>151</sup>	Bone	420	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	0.2	$6 \times 10^{-8}$
Unknown Mixture			$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	

(a) From Handbook 52, National Bureau of Standards, U. S. Government Printing Office, March 20, 1953.

sensible device, is the nuclear reactor in which fissionable material (fuel) is used to produce heat, radiations and radioisotopes at controlled rates.

#### **Nuclear Explosions**

The energy released in an explosion of a nuclear weapon is sufficient to vaporize and heat to incandescence all of the fuel, the fission products, the bomb casing and components and the radioactive materials produced by neutron bombardment of the medium surrounding the bomb at the time of detonation. This incandescent mass called the fireball starts skyward shortly after it is formed and at the same time becomes diluted with air, water and dirt from the ground and space between the ground and point of detonation. The fireball then appears as the frequently described mushroom-shaped atomic cloud, the internal portion of which is still extremely hot, but cooling as it ascends. When the vaporized components of the cloud cool sufficiently they will condense or solidify. This process generally takes place on the unvaporized material such as the dusts which were sucked into the cloud during ascent. The solid particles, whether they are radioactive or not, will be removed from the rapidly rising cloud by the cross winds at various altitudes. The precipitation of these particles is known as "fall-out." The extent and nature of this fall-out is determined by such factors as altitude of the burst, medium in which the bomb was detonated (air, water or earth) and the meteorological conditions.

In discussing atomic bombs it has generally been considered that the fall-out from an air burst gives rise to relatively little radiological hazard, whereas the fall-out from a surface burst might constitute a serious hazard at some distance from the explosion and a subsurface explosion would present a serious radiological hazard near ground zero. On the other hand, the fireball from an H-bomb is several miles in diameter and will intersect the earth's surface with resultant production of extensive contamination. Consequently the fall-out from a thermonuclear type of device will constitute a serious radiological health hazard for a few hundred miles downwind due to external radiation exposure. Long range fall-out may contaminate drainage basins half a world away with resultant treatment problems related to industrial and domestic water use.

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development of nuclear reactors to provide electric power, we must consider this third class of devices as the most likely source of radioisotopic pollutants. In addition to the industrial hygiene problems attending the operation of nuclear reactors there are two sanitary problems of hydrologic significance: first, is the possibility of a nuclear incident in which all of a reactor's radioactive materials are dispersed into the air. Second, as with the nuclear weapons, the operation of nuclear reactors results in the production of radioactive fission products. In a quantitative prospectus on fission products from nuclear reactors, Terrill, Moeller and Ingraham<sup>(1)</sup> estimated that 90 million gallons of liquid radioactive wastes will be produced daily in processing "spent" fuel from new power reactors built during 1964 alone and the concentration of radioactivity in this waste will be about 10 millicuries per gallon, (2.6 microcuries per milliliter). This value compared with the maximum permissible concentration for continuous exposure in air and water, Table I, adds to the significance of the statement by Wolman and Gorman<sup>(2)</sup> that the future growth of the atomic energy industry from the developmental stage to that of applied use of its products may well hinge on our ability to find increasingly effective and reasonably economical methods of disposal of the resultant hazardous waste products. It is obvious, from the data presented in Table I that prevention of the ingestion or inhalation of fission products and their subsequent deposition in the tissues of the body is a problem of major importance. Comparison of maximum permissible concentrations for fission products in drinking water with the total quantity of fission products to be yielded by reactors readily reveals that dilution alone cannot be considered as a long range method for disposition. Dilution of the 1964 estimated production of liquid radioactive wastes with the entire flow of the Mississippi River would not suffice to reduce the fission product concentrations to the levels given in Table I.

To emphasize further the need for adequate nuclear waste disposal to protect the waters of the earth, we may well consider that it has been predicted that facilities to produce an additional 1,000 billion kilowatt hours of energy annually will be built during the next 25 years<sup>3</sup>. It has also been predicted that peaceful uses of the atom will advance so far in the next ten years that at least

ten percent of all new electric power plants may be using atomic fuel<sup>4</sup>.

### Past Experiences

Scores of reports on environmental contamination with fission products and plutonium or uranium debris from bombs or reactors may be found in the literature. A few of these are cited here to illustrate the foregoing. Probably the earliest report on long range fall-out was given by Webb<sup>5</sup> who reported on the fogging of photographic film by radioactive contamination. Following the "Trinity" detonation near Alamogordo, New Mexico, on July 16, 1945, Webb stated that a radioactive contaminant was encountered in strawboard material used by the Eastman Kodak Company for packaging photographic films. The strawboard was produced on August 6, 1945 at a Vincennes, Indiana mill on the Wabash River. X-ray film packed with this board showed fogged spots after about two weeks exposure. Measurements of the contaminated spots indicated all beta activity (no alpha), thus ruling out the presence of naturally radioactive material. Radiological analysis of the contaminant showed it to have a half-life of about 30 days, a maximum energy of 0.6 Mev, and to come from elements of the rare earth series. This evidence was believed sufficient to prove that the contaminant originated from the Trinity detonation and was deposited as fallout in the Wabash River.

In 1951 Meinke<sup>6</sup> reported on the occurrence of radioactive snows at Ann Arbor, Michigan, following the January 27, 28 and February 1, 2, and 6, 1951, atomic explosions at the Nevada Proving Grounds. Measurements conducted by Santomauro<sup>7</sup> between February, 1951, and November, 1952, showed that nuclear weapon tests at Nevada, Eniwetok and Montebello were followed one, two, and three weeks later by an increase in the radioactive contents of rain and snow falling in Italy. The amount of radioactivity over the Parisian area increased with the Nevada tests of March to June, 1953, and the Russian tests of September, 1953, according to Abribat and Pouradier<sup>8</sup>.

Kilcawley *et al.*<sup>9</sup> reported a study made on the radioactivity of rain and of the water in several reservoirs in the Troy, New York, area from May 15 to August 31, 1953, following the detection of considerable rain-out during a storm on April 26. The reservoir waters usually contained a beta activity of 10 to 100  $\mu\mu$  per 1 as compared to a beta activity of 200 to 30,000  $\mu\mu$  per 1 in the rain. Decon-

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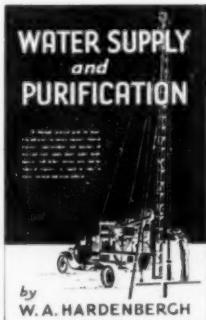
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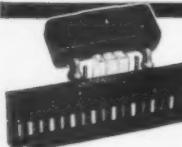
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tamination of the Canadian reactor at Chalk River after an accident in which it released several thousand curies of fission products was described by Gilbert<sup>10</sup>.

**Future Consideration**

To date the disposal of nuclear wastes, gaseous, liquid or solid, has followed two divergent paths—"CC" which means concentrate and confine and "DD" dilute and disperse. Both principles have their shortcomings. DD in that it may eventually lead to contamination of more and more of the earth's waters to the point where the rates of radioactive decay cannot keep up with the discharge of new radio-contaminants. The alternate method CC is very costly, both for the initial chemical and physical processing to obtain concentration and for the confining vessels to hold the concentrated "gunk." Concentration costs currently run as high as \$0.50 to \$1.50 per gallon and storage tank capacity costs about \$0.40 per gallon. The magnitude of these figures becomes impressive upon finding that the Hanford plutonium works already has more than 60 million gallons of storage capacity in their tank farms. Unfortunately, the expense does not stop with simple storage, since these tanks must be monitored at various intervals depending upon the nature of their radioactive contents. In some cases the time required to reduce the contents of a tank to safe discharge levels will run into milleniums. And yet, it is difficult to find engineering records of liquid storage tanks in good condition after only 50 years let alone 50 thousand years.

Reduced to basic concepts we must come to the realization that man-made mutations of the 100-odd chemical species involve nuclear reactions that, unlike ordinary chemical reactions, often require  $10^3$ ,  $10^6$ , or even  $10^9$  years for reversion. Furthermore, the rate of production of these radioisotopes is or will soon become significant on a global basis. Considering that our planet has a radius of only 4,000 miles, a crust thickness of about 25 miles, (three-fourths of which is under water) and is contained in a gaseous envelope having an effective thickness of only 5 miles it is suggested that the sanitary problems attending the use and development of that mixed blessing we call "atomic energy" be approached on a global basis. Inasmuch as water is the most abundant and most essential substance involved in all living, industrial, and cultural processes, the sanitary and

hydrologic aspects will be of utmost importance.

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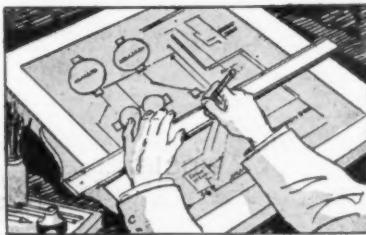
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companies to build and maintain roads and to collect tolls to finance them. For the next two centuries, toll roads were built by this means all over the United Kingdom and stockholders of these companies earned liberal dividends on their investments.

One of the foremost engineers for these turn-pike companies was John Metcalf, who was totally blind. His contribution to road-building was his insistence on improved drainage by a solid foundation and a high crown. Another was William Mac-Adam, who devised a crushed rock surface which bears his name.

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But there was resentment among persons in some parts of the country, particularly in South Wales, at having to pay tolls on the highways. The protesters thought the tolls were much too high and yielded too large a profit to the turn-pike companies. So in 1839, bands of night-riders, the "Rebeccas," tore down the toll gates and toll-houses but inflicted no harm on the toll-keepers and their families. The exasperated government finally called out troops who broke up the movement; but the trouble was remedied by removing the tolls or regulating them more strictly in this part of the country.

This plan of financing highway construction by private enterprise was brought to the New World. The first hard-surfaced toll road in this country was the Lancaster Pike which ran 65 miles out of Philadelphia. This macadam highway was constructed in 1792 by a stock company at a cost of \$463,000. The tolls yielded a 15 percent dividend to the stockholders for many years. Many other companies were formed in the early 19th century which built highways in the Eastern states; but, as in England, travellers were not happy at paying tolls. In Northern Ohio there was the Shun Pike running parallel with the toll road which permitted wayfarers to "shun" it. There was one toll highway project in early America which was much too big for any private turn-pike company to finance. This was the projected interregional National Highway from Washington across the mountains to the Mississippi River at St. Louis. This high-

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way had two purposes. It had a military value for moving troops and supplies to the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys; also, it was to serve to carry emigrants and supplies to help build up the great interior.

This highway was financed by the federal government from the proceeds of the sale of public lands. Originally planned in 1803, construction was not actually started until 1811 and was interrupted by the war with England. By 1819, however, this great highway was constructed westward to the Ohio River at Wheeling, W. Va., where water transport could be obtained.

The surfacing consisted of small stones pounded to a solid mass. At fairly regular intervals there were toll houses. Higher tolls were charged vehicles having wheels with narrow tires because of the greater damage these did to the surface.

For the next 30 years, until the canals and railroads denuded the highways of vehicles and travellers, the National Highway, now U. S. Route 40, was filled with a stream of horse-drawn conveyances, most of them moving westward. There were the billowy Conestoga wagons carrying emigrants and their goods; the gaily-painted stage-coaches of the National Stage Lines with their fancy names like modern Pullman cars, and the freighters with their wagons piled high with building materials bound for the new communities in the interior.

After a few years' operation by the federal government, a court decision ruled that it had no right to collect tolls, so it turned the long highway over to the various states through which it passed.

Then came the railroads and the main highways were almost deserted except for the farm-to-market travellers. But the old Pike didn't die. Now, a century later, travellers again are back on the highways, whizzing from city to city, state to state and ocean to ocean. Many miles of new roadway are now being constructed, much of it the toll-road type.

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**Water Meters in Service**

The Water Department, Toledo, Ohio, had 98,400 water meters from  $\frac{5}{8}$  to 1-inch, in service at the end of 1955. The city owned 80 percent of these meters while the other 20 percent were privately owned. There was an increase of 2958 water meters during 1955 over 1954. The cost of meter repair amounted to \$29,062.10 for the year.

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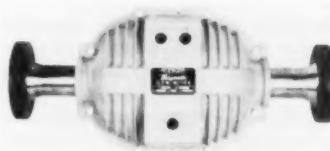
## EQUIPMENT NEWS

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### Magnetic Flow Meter For One-Inch Lines

Previously limited to a minimum line size of 2 inches, the Magnetic Flow Meter, announced by Foxboro, is now available for 1-inch flow lines. The smaller meter offers all the advantages of the larger instruments (2-inches and up); namely, over-all accuracy of 1 percent of full scale throughout the entire range, no restriction of flow, linear flow readings, performance unaffected by pressure, viscosity, density or changes in conductivity of the flowing liquid. The unit consists of a nonmagnetic flow tube with an insulating liner containing flush-mounted metallic electrodes and surrounded by an AC electromagnet. When a conductive liquid passes through the tube, an alter-

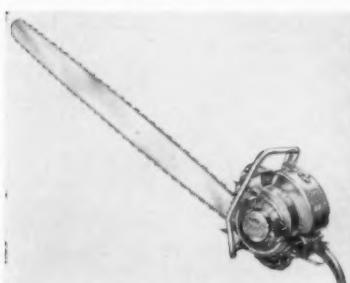


New magnetic flow meter in 1-in. size

nating voltage is set up between the electrodes which varies linearly in proportion to the rate of flow. Lead wires from the electrodes transmit this voltage output to a Dynalog Recorder, producing a chart record in appropriate units of flow. Complete information from The Foxboro Co., Foxboro, Mass., or circle No. 7-1 on the reply card.

### Lightweight Chain Saw

A new one man chain saw that will bring down even very large trees has been announced by Homelite. The new Model 7-29 delivers 7 hp, yet weighs only 29 pounds. Perfectly balanced, it is light enough to carry through the roughest terrain and cuts in any position. Straight blade guide bars are available in sizes from 18 up to 72 inches and plunge cut bow guides are available in 14 and 18-inch sizes. For further information write Homelite, 75 Riverdale Avenue, Port Chester, New York or circle No. 7-2 on the reply card.



Chain saw delivers a full 7 hp, weighs only 29 pounds and is very easy to use

capacity of the twin-shaft pugmill promises lower job costs through quicker completion. Thorough mixing of the material is assured by the twin-shaft pugmill, and through the use of a hydraulically controlled, 5-cu. yd. discharge hopper which serves as a dam to control the height of the material in the pugmill and the duration of the mixing time. Designed for use with cement, calcium chloride and other water-mixed stabilizing agents, the pugmill is equipped with water spray bars and an accurate meter-centrifugal pump combination which



can supply as much as 150 gal. per min. to the pugmill. Additional information may be obtained from Barber-Greene Co., 400 N. Highland Avenue, Aurora, Illinois, or circle No. 7-4 on the reply card.

### All Purpose Reflective Sign Finish

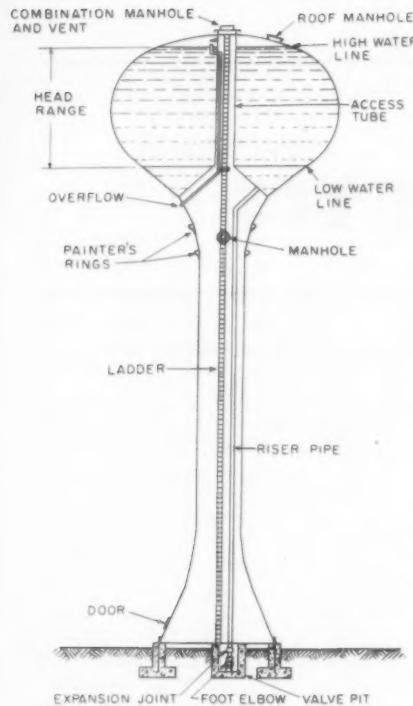
A late development in sign reflectorizing material is Prismo "200" Hi-Reflective finish. This new sign finish can be easily applied by brush, roller, silk screen, coater or any type of spray directly on the sign blank. Any shape, size or surface that can be painted can be reflectorized with Prismo "200", which gives a uniform coating to porous and non-porous surfaces alike. It is effective in daylight, and has long range "punch" at night. An exclusive feature is its built-in "Moisture-Pruf" ingredient that repels water so the signs have high target flash in bad weather conditions. Complete information is available from Prismo Safety Corporation, Huntingdon, Penna., or circle No. 7-3 on the reply card.

### Pugmill For Stabilization Mixes

A high-capacity mixing pugmill, especially designed for the needs of the stabilization mixing field, has been announced by Barber-Greene. The 350-ton per hour (and higher)

### Plaster and Mortar Mixers

The new Essick mixer line offers 21 different models in the four basic sizes of 4, 6, 8, and 12-cubic foot batch capacities. The mixers all feature added horse power, faster spiral mixing action, no greasing, improved shaft seals, easily accessible engine housing, bag splitters, safe portability, heavy duty clutch, low charging heights, and rubber scraper blades. There is a mixer model that meets the requirement of any job size. For more information circle No. 7-5 on the reply card or write Essick Mfg. Co., 1950 Sante Fe Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.



Waterspheroid proportions showing the internal riser, ladder and access tube

## Single-Column Spheroidal Water Towers

Chicago Bridge & Iron has extended the capacity of the single-column water tower from the 250,000-gallon limit of the standard Watersphere up to 500,000 gallons by a new form and construction for elevated tanks. The flattened sphere (spheroidal) shape permits use of larger tank sizes without excessive head range or difference in height (and therefore delivery pressure) between high water and low water in the tank. The head range of the 500,000 gallon Waterspheroid (59-ft. in diameter) is, for example, only 30 ft., the same as the head range of a 150,000-gallon Watersphere (only 34 ft. in diameter). The principal benefits of the design include: (1) less land area needed; (2) less exposed surface with resultant savings in both heating cost and painting costs; (3) sweeping lines which fit in more beautifully with landscaping and natural surroundings; (4) wholly enclosed inspection-access; (5) the ability to house pumping and valving equipment within the flared base of the column; (6) total elimination of external ladders; and (7) smooth surfaces from top to bottom. Standard sizes of Waterspheroids are now 250, 300, 400 and 500 thousand gallons with alternate ranges in head for the 400 and 500 thousand gallon sizes. Heights

to tank bottoms range from 50 to 125 feet. Internal construction of the Waterspheroid is similar to that of the Watersphere, with a cylindrical steel core atop a transition cone connecting the hollow supporting column to the manhole and vent at the top of the tank. Ladder, riser, overflow stub, and heating and insulation facilities (if required in cold climates) are still within this unobstructed central shaft from ground to finial. For further details write Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., McCormick Bldg., Chicago 4, Ill., or circle **No. 7-6** on the reply card.

### Portable Gasoline Tamper

Introduction of a new portable, gasoline powered compaction tool, that is used for construction and maintenance work by contractors and municipalities has been announced by Barco. This compactor combines positive impact, imparted by high speed rotating counterweights, with intensive vibratory effect to produce maximum compaction of granular fill materials and bituminous surfacing. It has many uses: tamping and finishing bituminous paving in restricted areas on walks, driveways and courts and for hole patching; compacting sand or earth fill in areas bearing footings, paving or floor slabs; tamping work inside buildings; and trench grade leveling. In operation, one man can tamp up to 750 sq. yds. of surface per hour using lifts of as much as

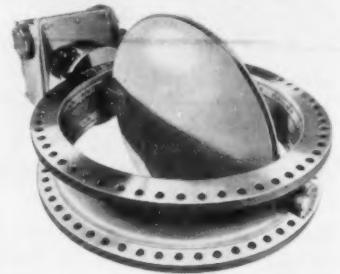


Finishing surface of bituminous paving

12 inches. Power is supplied by a 3-hp, 4-cycle air cooled gasoline engine with speed adjustable from 1600 to 2400 RPM. Convenient handles provide for lifting the tool into a truck or other vehicle and the total weight is 225 lbs. For more details write Barco Mfg. Co., Dept. V-45, 500 Hough St., Barrington, Illinois or circle **No. 7-7** on the reply card.

### Standard Butterfly Valves

A new series of butterfly valves designed primarily for municipal water supply or disposal systems has been announced by Allis-Chalmers. Suitable for various installations of moderate pressure and pipe-



Butterfly valves for municipal water supply or for sewage disposal systems

line velocity, the new valves meet the recently published tentative standard specifications for rubber and metal seated butterfly valves. Diameters range from 16 to 84 inches and valves with rubber seats in the housing are made for 25 psi and 50 psi ratings. Metal seated valves are made for 25 psi rating and above. For full information write Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., 1189 S. 70th Street, Milwaukee, Wis., or circle **No. 7-8** on the reply card.

### Centri-Mite Filter

A new space saving filter for commercial and residential swimming pools, the Centri-Mite, is announced by Swimquip. The Centri-Mite diatomaceous earth filter No. 2304, occupying only two square feet of floor space at its base, and standing four and one-half feet high has 10 square feet of filtering area, enough capacity for a 20 x 40-foot pool. Accessibility and general simplicity of cleaning the filter element are advantages. Centri-Mite Filters No. 2308 and No. 2312, incorporating two and three filter elements respectively, proportionately increase filtration capacity to 20-ft. and 30-ft., while maintaining a minimum space for the installation. For full details write Swimquip, Inc., 3301 Gilman Rd., El Monte, Calif., or circle **No. 7-9** on the reply card.

### Auburn Trencher For IHC Tractor

Auburn Machine has converted the IHC 300 utility tractor into a balanced trenching machine. A geared spacer, with all gears running in oil, has been inserted behind the tractor transmission and this



Trencher digs to a depth of six feet

spacer lengthens the wheelbase six inches, puts more weight on the front wheels and makes for smoother digging and straighter trenches. A hydraulic drive provides power for propulsion while digging at any speed up to 600 feet per hour, depending on soil conditions. The hydraulic boom lift operates the digging boom in a 190 degree arc by means of one control lever. From one position, the operator has control of clutch, speed of tractor and depth of trench. The new machine is capable of digging trenches 6 to 14 inches wide and up to 6 feet deep. Circle **No. 7-10** on the reply card or write the Auburn Machine Works, Inc., Auburn, Nebraska.

## **Payloader Tractor-Shovel on Crawler Tracks**

The Model 12 Payloader, announced by International, is a completely new, rear-engine 1 1/4-cu. yd. tractor-shovel on crawler tracks. Highlights are: (1) 91 1/2-hp engine in rear; (2) better balance; (3) full power shift transmission and torque converter drive; (4) power boosted steering controls; (5) 40 degree bucket tip-back at ground level; (6) adjustable operator seat; (7) closed hydraulic system with pressure control; (8) 8-ft. 10-inch discharge height and (9) three forward speeds up to 10 mph and three reverse

## **Temporary and Removable Paint For Traffic Control**

Temline, a new paint product that is temporary and completely removable is announced by Traffic Safety Supply. It is applied like ordinary paint to mark or delineate semi-permanent lines that will last as needed up to 5 months. It is available in three colors; white, yellow and neutral gray. The paint dries in 15 minutes or less and removal operation takes about 15 minutes. With this flexibility, changing lines for traffic lanes, safety lines and pedestrian control is made simple. R-14 remover dissolves only Temline paint, and original lines temporarily covered by the paint will be restored after the emergency is past. For further information write Traffic Safety Supply Co., 2636 N. E. Sandy Blvd., Portland 12, Oregon, or circle **No. 7-11** on the reply card.

## **2-Way Portable Radio**

A hand-carried 2-way portable radio weighing only 11 pounds, complete with batteries, has just been announced by Industrial Radio Corp. The new Model H/M Pak-Fone features loud speaker operation, re-



This 2-way portable radio weighs only 11 pounds, has loud speaker operation

lay operated squelch system, volume control and on-off indicator light. A power cable connector is also provided for an external power supply and the radio meets all FCC and FCDA requirements for municipal and industrial portable radio requirements. For full details write to Industrial Radio Corp., 428 N. Parkside Ave., Chicago 44, Ill., or circle **No. 7-13** on the reply card.

## **Self Propelled Crane**

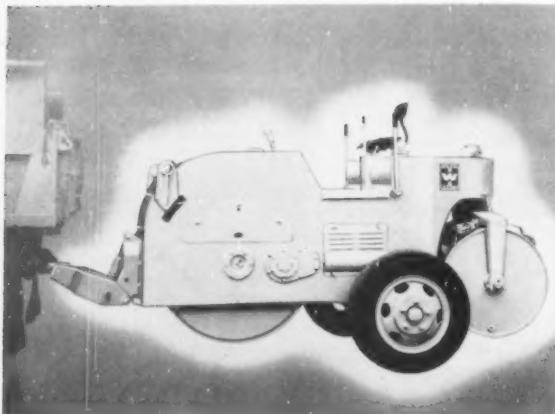
Little Giant Crane & Shovel announces the new 1/2-yard self propelled yard crane. Features include lower center of gravity, less tipping action, greater safety factor, no hook rollers, greater stability, less maintenance costs, minimum down time and easier swinging. This single engine crane is equipped with hydraulic Servo steering and hydraulic power braking, and the 2-speed, 4-wheel drive eliminates many traction difficulties. The unit will turn in less than a 60-ft. circle, with a 360° vision cab for the operator. For full details write Little Giant Crane & Shovel, Inc., East Sixteenth and Howard Drive, Des Moines 13, Ia., or circle **No. 7-14** on the reply card.



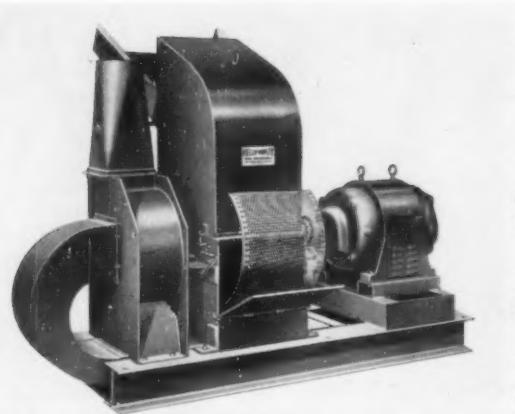
Payloader has top speed of 10 mph forward, 13 mph reverse



Self propelled crane is used for work in cramped quarters



Roller can be changed to portable unit for quick movement



Hammer grinder for sewage sludge and dry industrial wastes

#### **Huber-Warco Tow Attachment For 3-5 Ton Tandem Roller**

A towing attachment for its new 3-5 ton tandem roller is now offered by Huber-Warco. This can be supplied mounted on the roller or it may be purchased separately and easily bolted on in the field. It consists of a towing hitch with a built-in hydraulic jack; axle and wheel assemblies; and axle carriers for both working and towing positions. Features of the attachment include 7.50 x 20 tires, wheels mounted on tapered roller bearings and an eight-inch vertical adjustment at the hitch to provide a level travel position for the roller. The new 3-5 ton tandem, itself, features a water-cooled 41-hp engine and a torque converter. Its guide roll assembly has tapered roller bearings—adjustable on the job. For full details write Huber-Warco Co., Marion, Ohio or circle **No. 7-15** on the reply card.

#### **Streamlined Asphalt Plant by Madsen**

A new, portable batch type asphalt plant designed specifically for the municipality, county and contractor is announced by Madsen Works. Known as the Model 391 Hot Rod, it is built in capacities of 3000-, 4000-, and 5000-lbs. per batch. The plant is extremely clean and simple in design and has a minimum of parts required to be dismantled for transport. It has a fully-enclosed double reduction gear box that goes right into the mixer shafts eliminating need for exposed mixer timing gears. This device accomplishes the reduction from diesel engine or electric motor speed down to mixer shaft speed in a simple free-running, dust-tight, well lubricated manner. The operator platform is located on the end of the plant away from dust,

fumes and heat. Asphalt and aggregate scales and all controls are conveniently located, and the mixer has liner sections which are externally installed and externally removed. Complete data from Madsen Works, Construction Equipment Division, Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp., P. O. Box 38, La Mirada, Calif., or circle **No. 7-16** on the reply card.

#### **Heavyweight Traffic Liner**

A new line painting machine has been announced by Jawco Products. The removable paint tank holds ten gallons of paint and the paint flow makes it possible for higher operating speeds without air pressure. This machine is hand propelled with gravity feed and brush application. Applicator brushes are readily interchangeable and are available in 4, 6, and 8-inch widths. For further details write Jawco Products Corp., 200-215 Butler St., P. O. Box 1224, York, Pa., or circle **No. 7-17** on the reply card.

#### **Hammer Grinder For Sewage Wastes**

The new Kelly duplex hammer grinder is designed for reducing and pulverizing all types of dry industrial and sewage wastes. All grinding is done in mid-air. Swinging hammers repeatedly strike the material while it is in a state of suspension—and then pass it through a heavy steel screen, which is perforated to any degree of fineness desired. Hammers can be reversed for longer life and screens can be changed in less than 30 seconds without removing the mill cover. It is available in 5 models, with throat openings from 12 to 24 inches and in a motor range from 30 to 150 hp. Grinders can be furnished either with a direct connected motor or with belt drive. For complete information write the Duplex Mill and Manufacturing Company, 711 Sigler St., Springfield, Ohio, or circle **No. 7-18** on the reply card.

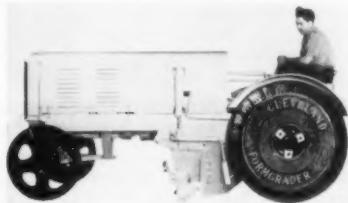
#### **Power Steering & Hydraulic Controls Features of Formgrader**

Latest improvements in the Cleveland Formgrader, a machine that cuts form trenches quickly and accurately for road construction, include power steering, hydraulically operated cutter lift bar and an improved self-starter. This machine will enable one man to cut a form trench to exact grade and in six hours it can cut 6840 lineal feet of trench. Inclusion of power steering adds materially to ease of handling, increases accuracy and requires less attention from operator. The operator simply sees that the line gauge on the left side of the machine follows the guide line running between the construction stakes. As the line gauge on the machine is always



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kept level through a pendulum controlled shaft, the form trench is always cut to the proper depth regardless of the unevenness of the ground. The Formgrader uses a heavily weighted drive wheel which



One operator easily cuts form trenches

follows in the path of the cutter blade and simultaneously compacts and rolls the trench ready for instant setting of forms. For more information write Cleveland Formgrader Co., Mills Road, Avon, Ohio, or circle **No. 7-19** on the reply card.

#### Goldak Model L-46 Leak Detector

Savings in time in the location of known water leaks are made possible with the Model L-46 senior leak detector announced by Goldak. The L-46 features a high-gain circuit sensitive through a filter system to the range of frequencies occurring in the average water leak. The detection head is a full two-inch square crystal encased in sponge rubber. The output is used to drive a 3-inch microammeter and an audio indication is produced in a



A leak detector for water departments

pair of earphones. The unit is completely self-contained and uses standard portable batteries and miniature tubes. Included are attachments so that the microphone can be used to make readings through dirt, concrete or pavement or on valves, risers and shut-offs. For further details write the Goldak Co., 1544 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale 1, Calif., or circle **No. 7-20** on the reply card.



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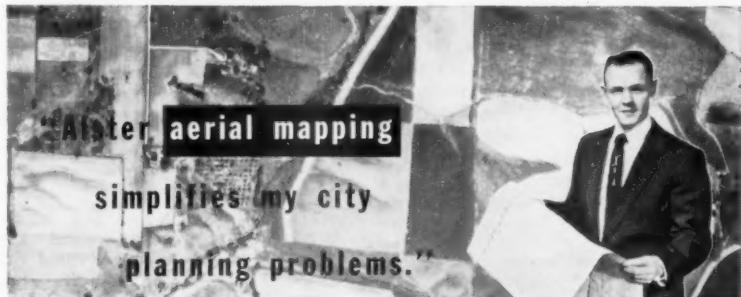
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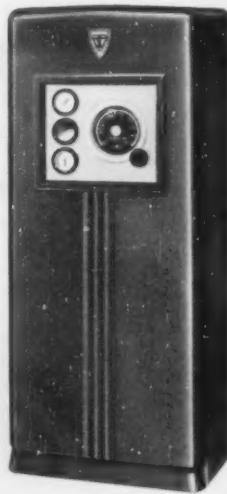
A new 3-5 ton portable roller has just been announced by Littleford. Featuring power steering, the roller is steered by a wheel. Another feature is the hydraulic lift which permits change from trailing-to-rolling-to-trailing positions with a flip of a switch. Trailing wheels need not be removed, since in the rolling position the trailing wheels are 5 inches above the rolling surface. However, the wheels can be removed easily and quickly when necessary as when rolling close to buildings. The Model 160 is powered by a 19.5-hp aircooled engine, and has two forward and two reverse speeds. For information write Littleford Bros., Inc., Box 452P, E. Pearl St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or circle No. 7-21 on the reply card.

### Auger Attachment Can Dig 40 Ft. Deep

A new auger attachment for use on the Model H-3 and H-5 Hydro-crane is announced by Bucyrus-Erie. The new unit drills holes from 3 to 28-inches in diameter and maximum depth capacity is 40 feet. The attachment consists of the cutter head, 4-ft. auger flight sections, a hydraulic motor and gear box, a torque arm extending from motor bracket to boom and drain hose. Both vertical and horizontal boring jobs can be done. The cutter heads are fitted with long-wearing carbonyl teeth. For further information write Bucyrus-Erie Co., South Milwaukee, Wis., or circle No. 7-22 on the reply card.

## V-Notch Chlorinators Have High Accuracy

The first two models of the V-notch line of chlorinators have been announced by Wallace & Tiernan. The V-notch chlorinators, built entirely with corrosion resistant materials, feature a new metering and controlling principle—the V-notch Variable-Orifice. The chlorinators cover a feed range from 25 pounds per day to 2000 pounds per 24 hours. The series A-712 Wide Range Model features direct reading dial indication of the feed rate with 4 percent accuracy over a 20 to 1 range for any V-notch Variable-Orifice. The series A-711 chlorinator provides a rotameter for feed rate indication, giving accurate control over a 10 to 1 range



Model A-172 V-notch Chlorinator has the Variable-Orifice

for any one rotameter. V-notch Variable-Orifice control gives precise and smooth chlorine feed control over an extremely wide range. The new chlorinators are styled with a two-tone green fiber glass cabinet. Information from Wallace & Tiernan, Belleville, N. J., or circle No. 7-23 on the reply card.

### Clear, Mow, Shred Large Areas Twice as Fast

Tractor-propelled, the BMB Twin Brute mower with offset design, cuts a 10-foot swath under limbs and branches and close into corners making it possible for road crews to do all heavy cutting jobs almost automatically. Features include the over-running clutch which gives the operator complete control at all times, and furnishes the additional power needed to maintain



Rotary cutter with an adjustable cutting height of three to fourteen inches

the blade speed while changing gears on the tractor, or while maneuvering in dense and difficult areas. The twin 40-hp gear boxes and twin flywheels furnish momentum, and allow for smooth operation. When obstructions are hit, the blades contract under the flywheels and, when cleared, go back to work automatically. For more information write the BMB Co., Inc., 319-21 New York Avenue, Holton, Kansas, or circle No. 7-24 on the reply card.

## Vibratory Compactor and Float

The new Syntron-Sinex vibrating compactor and float has a 30-inch wide weighted float, is powered by 3600 vibrations per minute and is self-propelled. The new unit is useful on road widening and patching, compacting dirt fills, drainage and cover fill in trenches and numerous other building construction and maintenance jobs. Totally enclosed, the electromechanical vibrator mounted on the compactor does not require lubrication and is completely pressure tight and water proof. Detachable weights provide easy handling of the compactor from job to job. Operation from 220-volt, 3-phase current. Write to Syntron Company, 660 Lexington Ave., Homer City, Penna., or circle No. 7-25 on the reply card.



Vibrator useful on road widening, compacting dirt fills

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Interested guests watch demonstration of the new Gar Wood Speed-Packer at the Dianem Company, Lodi, New Jersey. As municipal officials and private collection contractors look on, tree branches, steel containers, cinder blocks, tires and oak beams were fed into the loading chute and crushed and compacted with the collection unit.



For a sewer line installation in Naples, Florida, this Bucyrus Erie H-3 Hydrocrane with clamshell quickly digs a wide trench.



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## WORTH TELLING

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★ WHEN we despair slightly of the human race we go to an A.W.W.A. Convention like the recent one in St. Louis and get our faith rebuilt. The water works breed grows finer with each passing year. We remain soured, however, on union feather-bedding, after having to employ an unwanted card-carrier to unpack our exhibit at an hourly wage closely approaching the Monaco national debt.

★ AN accepted invitation reaches us to be an editorial guest at the Massey-Harris-Ferguson Inc. demonstration at Racine, Wis., June 20 of a new line of four light and medium tractors and integrated attachments.

★ RICHARD V. FORD of the Ford Meter Box Co. was a welcome guest lately at our new offices. He is not only vice president elect of the Water and Sewage Works Manufacturers Association but will also succeed Lou Frazza of Johns-Manville as director of the Water and Sewage Industry and Utilities Division, in Washington.

★ HIS BANDAGES don't show here, but genial Stanley F. Gotter of Computer Measurements was wear-



ing plenty when this photo was taken, at the St. Louis A.W.W.A. It seems that an Oklahoma native in the car in front of him zigged when he should have zagged, and without signaling. Result, two pre-Convention days in a hospital for Stan.

★ GLENFIELD & KENNEDY Inc., has moved from New York to 706 North Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. Remember this when you next need a Micro-strainer.

★ JOHN R. HARTLEY keeps earning his way into this column: this time as newly-named general manager of Builders-Providence Division of B-I-F Industries, Providence. He remains also vice president and manager of Project Sales.



Mr. Hartley



Mr. Aycock

★ MILTON H. ("Cotton") AYCOCK is named manager of newly-established Centriline Corporation district office at 57 Forsyth St., N.W., Atlanta.

★ KENNEDY VALVE MFG. CO. announces James R. Erven as vice president and sales manager, promoted from New York branch manager.

★ N. L. BARR has been appointed general sales manager, Asbestos-Cement Pipe Division of Keasbey & Mattison Co., Ambler, Pa.

★ R. A. McQUADE makes a fresh ascent—to sales and advertising manager, Penn Instruments Division of Burgess-Manning Co., in Philadelphia.

★ A. REED WILSON of Kansas City was in New York for lunch again, outlining the merits of his W-B Manhole Adapters to a group of New York City borough and utility engineers. We were there, and our only regret is that Reed's VIP guest list is too long for our space.

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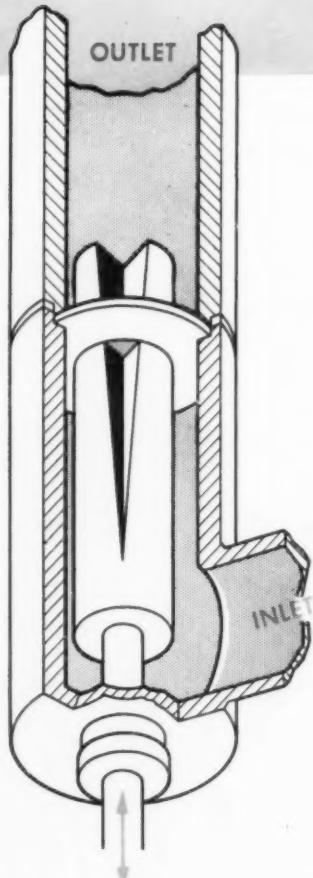


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